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Join GSMD For Breakfast At Heritage Week 2020

You are cordially invited to attend the General Society of Mayflower Descendants Heritage Week Breakfast featuring keynote speaker Sheila Slocum Hollis. Join us on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, from 7:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. at the Army Navy Club in Washington D.C. for a commemoration to the 400th Anniversary 1620-2020. The price is $50.00 pp.

Program: *The Mayflower Compact and its Impact on the American Legal System* with Sheila Slocum Hollis.

The Army Navy Country Breakfast Menu will include a full hot breakfast. For those with dietary restrictions, steel-cut oatmeal may be substituted. To request this substitution, please contact GSMD Membership Services Manager Emily Brockway at 508.746.3188, Ext. 26.

Space is limited so act fast! Only 80 total reservations will be accepted. The **reservation deadline** is Thursday, April 9th, 2020. **https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gsmd-heritage-week-breakfast-2020-registration-78266215357**

For further information please email Secretary General Jane Hurt at **SecretaryGeneral@TheMayflowerSociety.org** or call Emily Brockway in the Plymouth office at 508.746.3188, Ext. 26.

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Cover photos of the GBOA Meeting courtesy of John Nakamura. John and wife Nancy are the first pic on the last row.

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▲ The Editor with Bob, 1995

Editor's Note

We are on the eve of 2020 and the excitement is in the air! By the time this issue reaches you, Congress 2020 registration will be open online. Don't delay, events will likely fill up as quickly as the hotel rooms in Plymouth for September 2020.

I am saddened to report that we have lost a Former Governor General, Robert Allen Greene of Rhode Island, in September 2019. Bob served as Captain General from 1990 to 1993 and Governor General from 1993 to 1996. A favorite recollection of mine is when Bob would approach me at Congress meetings to see if I had published another book; if I had, he would quickly buy it, and then say he had to sneak it into his suitcase so Marilyn wouldn't find out he bought yet another book; apparently his bookshelves were already overflowing. I sympathized as we both agreed that there was always room for just one more book.

On the way home from Plymouth in October, (celebrating our 48th anniversary!), we stopped in Mystic, Conn. to check out *The Ship Mayflower* (note the new name). It looks magnificent!

The ship left Plymouth in November 2016 and after three years will return home to Plymouth in the spring of 2020, in plenty of time for the 2020 commemorations. A crew of nearly 30 has worked on replacing 70 to 75% of the ship.

The holidays will be upon us when this issue is delivered to you. To all our members and their families I wish a joyful, old-fashioned Christmas filled with peace and love.

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Governor General's Message

George P. Garmany Jr., MD

Our Society exists to accomplish two primary goals. We research the families of lineal descendants from *Mayflower* passengers, all of whom are regarded as *Mayflower* Pilgrims. We also research information about the Pilgrims themselves and we provide this information to our members and to the public. For many years we spent most of our time and resources on the first goal, building the extensive body of knowledge that allowed us to publish the Silver Books and other genealogical references.

In the last few years we have explored new ways to learn about the Pilgrims, and we are increasing our educational outreach. Events in 2020 will provide excellent opportunities to capture public attention and to teach others what we know.

Check California's report for information on The Tournament of Roses Parade© and the names of our members who will participate. How many viewers do you suppose will be astonished to see clothing that accurately portrays how the Pilgrims dressed 400 years ago?

Our Society also recognizes more scholarly types of research and education. The 2019 Pilgrim Academic Research Award was presented to Mr. Caleb Johnson for his extensive work on the Pilgrims and their families. The occasion of the presentation was his publication of *The Brewster Manuscript*, a volume that has been owned by the Massachusetts Society for many years but never fully studied or published. This book is only the most recent of the many works that Caleb has produced over many years studying topics of interest to all of us.

I have also been brushing up on my own understanding of Pilgrim history. What do you suppose the Separatists in Holland were doing exactly 400 years ago in early 1620? They had made the decision to leave Holland, and they were struggling to figure out how to get to the New World. In February 1620 a group of Dutch businessmen proposed a solution to the Dutch government. They asked the Prince to transport the congregation of about 400 families to the area near the mouth of the Hudson River and to provide two military ships to protect the colonists against any other European countries. It was noted that such a colony could help to solidify Dutch claims to that area, but the proposal was rejected by the government in April, just as English merchants made their own offer to the Pilgrims. Nonetheless, can you imagine how different the Pilgrims' story would have been if the Dutch government had accepted this offer? What a difference it would have made in North American history, not to mention for all of our families today!

▲ From left to right: Tony Brewster, Marcia Huntley Mahoney, Kathleen Loftman, Ray Raser, Karen Schwartz, Beth Stone, Carole Curran, Scott Miller and Donald St. John.

Welcome to 2020. There will be surprises for everyone during this commemoration. With your help and the ongoing efforts of our 30,000 individual members, we will continue to fulfill the goals for which we were established. We will all need to provide resources to continue moving forward, but the goal of educating the public about the Pilgrims' remarkable achievements is worth our best efforts and support.

The Meetinghouse Gets a Fresh Look

Lea Sinclair Filson, Former Governor General

Just as we have all gotten used to looking up at Town Square and seeing our Meetinghouse surrounded by scaffolding and wrapped in orange scrim, it is now taking on a new look. Beginning the week of October 28th, the scaffolding has started to disappear from the top down.

It is hard to believe that the exterior restoration is past the halfway mark! As the fieldstone is cleaned and secured with new mortar, and the beautiful ornamentation is cleaned, we are seeing new colors boasting what looks like a new building. As the dirt is washed away, a bright, fresh and beautiful Meetinghouse will welcome all who visit. The photos say it all. Just look at the difference!

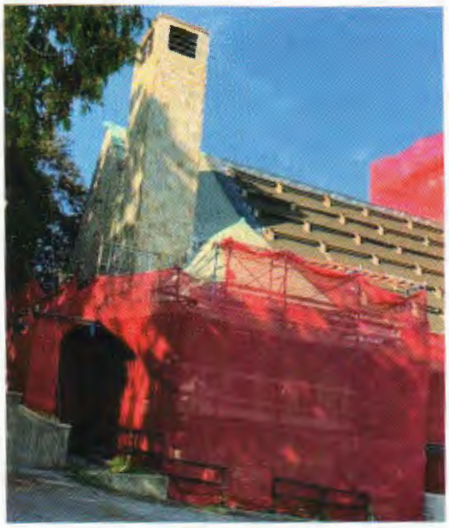
In the meantime, the Meetinghouse advisory group is making progress on how the interior will look and what will beckon you inside to learn the *Mayflower* story. While I am not yet allowed to say much, I can tell you that the programming will be so interactive and compelling, that the Mayflower Meetinghouse will be a game-changer for tourism in Plymouth.

▲ Before and after the restoration.

We have no end date yet on when it will be finished. That will all depend on our fundraising efforts, but I am getting requests for materials on a weekly basis. Our interior architects, which include a team of preservationists and interactive programming experts, are working on funding materials that include brochures along with a video that we can use. Those materials will be done by end of year, so in the meantime, I have been sending out a handmade booklet. While it is not the best, it has brought us a few large donors that I will be announcing once they give me the go-ahead.

Most of you are still busy gathering funds to meet your pledges of $5,000 per Member Society, and I cannot thank you enough for continuing those efforts. Twelve million dollars is a lot to raise, even with foundations, grants and generous individuals. It will take all of us to make this project a reality. I have set a personal goal of raising this by our 2021 meeting here in Plymouth, hosted by the Massachusetts Society. I know this is possible because of the enthusiasm and dedication of each and every one of you. Together, we are going to leave the best 2020 legacy possible to our descendants. I know our *Mayflower* ancestors must be watching all this with great joy.

Come Congress 2020, you will see the exterior looking the best it has looked in many years. Inside, you will tour our progress, if we have raised enough funds



to begin the interior restoration work. If we have not, you will take a tour and see the deterioration inside that must be addressed. We can all be proud to know, however, that the deterioration will not worsen now that the exterior is secure and sealed. That is thanks to our grant from the town of Plymouth's Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds.

When we dedicate the Mayflower Meetinghouse at Congress, be sure to cheer extra loud for both the First Parish Church, whose congregation selflessly donated their church to save it, and for Bill Keohan, the head of the town's CPA committee, who guided us through the process of winning our grant for the exterior restoration.

Enjoy the photos and call me when you come to Plymouth so I can give you a tour of the Mayflower Meetinghouse!

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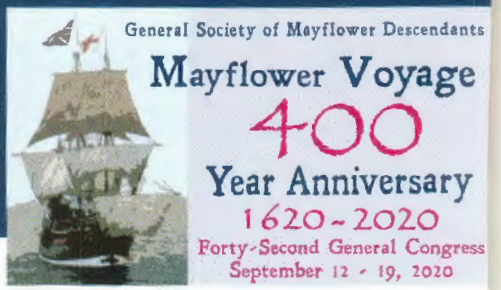
400th Anniversary Commemoration Information



REGISTRATION RATES

- **Early Bird Registration:** $85 per person (non-refundable) 90 days after registration begins.
- **Regular Registration:** $100 per person (non-refundable) 91 days to April 30, 2020.
- **Late Registration:** $125 per person (non-refundable) May 1, 2020 to August 1, 2020.
  Registration Fees are NON - REFUNDABLE, no exceptions.

Attendees must register through our online registration website. Registration payment will be made by credit card. On-site payments will not be accepted. Please do not mail registration requests.

For members requiring assistance or without computer access, event registration support is available. Please contact *Sara Aldrich:*

Email Address: GSMD_Registration@sswmeetings.com

Phone: (866) 792-5399

Hours: Mon-Thurs (8am-6pm, EST) Fri (8am-5pm, EST)
PLEASE NOTE: *General attendance and tour capacities are limited. The deadline to register for tours is* ***July 21, 2020*** *or upon sell-out.*

GSMD will be offering complimentary trolleys, available to those with registration badges.

They will make continuous loops stopping at seven locations around Plymouth from Wednesday, September 16 through Friday, September 18, 2020. This service is to benefit those with mobility or walking issues due to the expanded venue for this Congress.

SATURDAY, SEPT 12, 2020

(Provincetown Events)
See **www.Provincetown400.com** for more information and pricing.

Evening: *The Ship Mayflower* Gala at the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. A magical evening under the tent on the museum grounds will feature food, spirits and historical re-enactments. It is going to be a very special and fun black tie event – a great kick-off to Congress Week. GSMD members will receive a special discount for this event.

SUNDAY, SEPT 13, 2020

(Provincetown Events)

Morning: Ferries leave from Plymouth and Boston for Provincetown to arrive by 11:00am

Late Morning: *Mayflower Compact* Re-enactment Ceremony in Provincetown Harbor at Noon featuring *The Ship Mayflower.* Come be a part of this moment in history. Ferries will surround *The Ship Mayflower* for descendants to view this ceremony. For those who prefer to remain land side, the ceremony may be viewed on the Provincetown Museum grounds.

The event includes a memorial service and wreath laying in the harbor.

Afternoon: Mayflower Descendants Luncheon and program at the Provincetown Museum.

Evening: Ferries will return to Plymouth and Boston from Provincetown.

MONDAY, SEPT 14, 2020

(Provincetown Events)

5:30am: Sunrise toast and bon voyage to *The Ship Mayflower* at the Provincetown Museum.

(Boston Events)

Morning: Ferries available from Provincetown to Boston. Buses available from Plymouth to Boston.

The Official State House Salute to the 400th Anniversary: $125.00 (does not include transportation).

4:00pm Boston Pilgrim Progress
GSMD members and guests are invited to participate in a Pilgrim Progress through the Boston Public Garden and Boston Common and up Beacon Hill to the Massachusetts State House steps. Participants will meet at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, where special changing rooms have been reserved, no later than 3:00pm to allow time to change into your

Pilgrim attire. This will be a historic Pilgrim Progress as it is the first of its kind to ever happen in Boston. (Participants must be in Pilgrim attire and must be able to walk at least one mile, including up Beacon Hill).
This is a limited capacity event.
Not wheelchair accessible.

5:00-7:00pm Governor's Reception and Private Viewing of the *Bradford Journal*
Immediately following a ceremony on the steps of the Massachusetts State House, GSMD members and guests and NEHGS members and guests will be invited into the Hall of Flags for a private and exclusive viewing of the original journal of William Bradford and a cocktail reception. State House security practices will be in place for this event.
Wheelchair accessible.

Evening: Ferries will return to Provincetown and buses will return to Plymouth.

MONDAY, SEPT 14, 2020
(Plymouth Events)

Dead of Night Ghost Walking Lantern Tours: $20.00 (limited capacity). 3 tours are available and begin in fifteen-minute intervals. Dead of Night Lantern Tours gather in the Hotel 1620 front lobby.
Not wheelchair accessible.

3 Tours:
7:15pm-8:45pm
7:30pm-9:00pm
7:45pm-9:15pm

TUESDAY, SEPT 15, 2020
(Plymouth Events)

All day Executive Committee Meeting: Hotel 1620. Includes lunch.
EC members only.

8:00am-5:00pm: Credentials Pick-up: Hotel 1620 lobby, Insignia & GSMD Store Sales, Exhibitors Showcase: Hotel 1620

8:00am-4:15pm Cranberry Bog Tour – Cape Cod Canal Cruise & Lunch: $115.00 (limited capacity).
Bus departs from the rear of Hotel 1620.
Not wheelchair accessible.

10:30am All Aboard Pilgrim Belle Cruise & Boxed Lunch – $65.00 (Limited capacity.)
Limited wheelchair access – seating on first deck only.
Cruise duration: 11:00am - 1:00pm
Cruise departs from the dock at the end of the pier on Water Street.

Walking Tours of Plymouth by Jenney Museum:

Adult: $12.50, Child: (6-17) $6.50, Under 5: Free (limited capacity).
3 tours are available and begin at the Jenney Museum, 48 Summer St. 1620-2020
Discover Plymouth's History – this is a faith-based tour.
Not wheelchair accessible.

3 Tours:
9:30am-11:00am
1:00pm-2:30pm
3:00pm-4:30pm

6:00pm-7:00pm: General Board of Assistants Meeting: National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse.
Not wheelchair accessible. ***Please note:*** *All GBOA Officers, which include the Executive Committee, Former Governors General, Former Assistant Governors General, DGGs and AGs should be present as these officers will be seated for this GBOA Meeting and Congress.*

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16, 2020
(Plymouth Events)

8:00am-12:00pm: Credentials pick-up in Hotel 1620 lobby, Insignia & GSMD Store Sales, Exhibitors Showcase at Hotel 1620.

8:00am: Fort Church Service at Plimoth Plantation (limited Capacity). English Village and Plimoth Plantation are closed until later in the day. Please be respectful and visit Plimoth Plantation during normal operating hours for additional access. The Plimoth Plantation Gift Shop will be open after the Fort Service, but the Plantation will be closed.
Note: *the fort service is a private event for GSMD only.*

10:00am: Massachusetts Mayflower Society's Naturalization Ceremony.
An Invitation ONLY event.

1:00pm: Pilgrim Progress will begin at the Mayflower Society House to Cole's Hill, to the Town Square and will be immediately followed by Opening Ceremonies. Pilgrim attire required for Pilgrim Progress. Members in street clothes may follow at the end of the Progress.

Opening Ceremonies will be held at the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse with additional seating at the Church of the Pilgrimage (limited capacity). Opening Ceremonies will include an extended program for the recognition of the deed transfer with the First Parish Church, recognition of special gifts, and recognition of the 400th anniversary of the departure of *The Ship Mayflower* from Plymouth, U.K.
Both locations are wheelchair accessible. Please arrive no later than 12:30pm to allow time to assemble. Pilgrim attire is required for this Pilgrim Progress. Those in street clothes follow behind those in Pilgrim attire.

Following Opening Ceremonies: Mayflower Garden Reception $15.00. Reception at the Colonial Revival Gardens of the Mayflower Society House featuring the dedication of the NEW William Bradford Monument. **Reservations are REQUIRED.**

Dead of Night Ghost Walking Lantern Tours: $20.00 (limited capacity).

3 tours are available and begin in fifteen-minute intervals. Dead of Night Lantern Tours gather in the Hotel 1620 front lobby.
Not wheelchair accessible.

3 Tours:
7:15pm-8:45 pm
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
7:45 pm-9:15 pm

THURSDAY, SEPT 17, 2020
(Plymouth Events)

7:30am-8:30am: Credentials Pick-up: Hotel 1620 Lobby.

9:00am: Governance Day 1 – First Business Session of General Congress: NEW LOCATION. Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street. Assigned seating for GBOA officers and delegates.
Memorial Hall is wheelchair accessible. Reservations are REQUIRED for admittance due to security.
***NOTE:** If you are an officer attending this Governance Day, do not book a tour or other event that day or in conflict with the meeting time.*

8:00am-4:15pm: Lexington – Concord and the Orchard House Tour with Boxed Lunch: $115.00 (limited capacity).
Bus departs from the rear of Hotel 1620. Not wheelchair accessible.

8:00am - 4:15pm: JFK Museum in Hyannis and the Cape Cod Railroad Tour with Boxed Lunch: $130.00 (limited capacity).
Not wheelchair accessible.

6:15pm All Aboard: Pilgrim Belle SUNSET Cruise: $45.00 (limited capacity).
**Limited wheelchair access - seating on first deck only. (Cruise Duration: 6:45pm-8:45pm) Cruise departs from the dock at the end of the pier on Water Street.*

FRIDAY, SEPT 18, 2020
(Plymouth Events)

9:00am: Governance Day 2 – Second Business Session of General Congress: NEW LOCATION. Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street. Assigned seating for GBOA officers and delegates.
Memorial Hall is wheelchair accessible.

During the afternoon session, the election of new General Society of Mayflower Descendants Officers will be held for the 2020-2023 administration.
Reservations are REQUIRED for admittance due to security.
***NOTE:** If you are an officer attending this Governance Day, do not book a tour or other event that day or in conflict with the meeting time.*

10:30am All Aboard: Pilgrim Belle Cruise & Boxed Lunch: $65.00 (limited capacity).
Limited wheelchair access – seating on first deck only. (Cruise Duration: 11:00am-1:00pm) Cruise departs from the dock at the end of the pier on Water Street.

7:00pm - 10:00pm: 400th Anniversary Gala: $135.00 Plymouth Memorial Hall, 83 Court Street. Memorial Hall will be transformed for this black tie event. A formal receiving line of officers will welcome you and you will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, fine food stations, desserts, dancing and a variety of entertainers at this event. An installation ceremony of newly elected officers will be held during the gala. It will be the pinnacle event of Congress and, indeed, a night to remember for a lifetime! (Cash bar).
Memorial Hall is wheelchair accessible.

SATURDAY, SEPT 19, 2020

All Day: Plymouth 400's Embarkation Festival Plymouth County Farm. A cultural and arts celebration honoring the traditions, cuisines and music of the Pilgrim settlers and the Wampanoag people.

9:00am - 10:30am:
New Executive Committee Meeting (Hotel 1620).

Daytime: 1620 Club Tour. (Exclusive thank-you to 1620 Club Members).

Evening: 1620 Club Dinner & Pilgrim Academic Award Presentation. (Exclusive thank-you to 1620 Club Members).

REGISTRATION BADGES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS – NO EXCEPTIONS
For your safety and the safety of others, entry to each event is by electronic badge scanners. Registration badges are required for entry – no exceptions. Scanners will only be available for a limited time at the beginning of an event. Please be prompt. Late arrivals may not be permitted entry.

In Memoriam

ROBERT ALLEN GREENE, Former Governor General (1993-1996), passed away at East Greenwich, RI, 18 September 2019 at the age of 91. He also served as Captain General (1990-1993).

Bob twice served his country in the U.S. Army, first during World War II in Italy during the occupation years, and again in Korea during the Korean Conflict.

He joined the Mayflower Society in 1975 through his line from John Howland. He served as Governor of the Rhode Island Mayflower Society from 1989 to 1992. Bob was a retired businessman who owned and operated Greene Industries Inc., a wooden box and packaging company since 1956. As a local business owner, he was a great friend and mentor to many in East Greenwich. He was an avid genealogist, train enthusiast, sailor, military re-enactor, reader, publisher, painter, florist, woodworker, stamp collector, and Red Sox and New England Patriots fan. He was a member of countless societies, including Past President of the Roger Williams Family Association; Past Commanding Colonel in the Kentish Guards, RIM; Past President of the Pilgrim John Howland Society.

Bob is survived by his wife Marilyn of sixty-one years; children Sharon, Robert, Todd and Allison (all GSMD members), nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

KENDRICK HOLLE, Lt. Col (Ret) US Army, Former Treasurer General (1984-1990) and past Treasurer of the District of Columbia Society, passed away 24 March 2019 at the age of 89. Kendrick joined the Society in 1973 and was descended from William Bradford. He was also a member of the Governor William Bradford Compact. Kendrick was preceded in death by his twin brother, Bradford Holle.

RICHARD JAMES SCHLAPIA, past Historian of the District of Columbia Society, passed away 16 September 2019. He was a descendant of John Alden.

The GSMD Scholarship Committee 2019 Scholarship Winners

by Lorraine Link

First Place $6,000: Molly Lubbers. Molly is a descendant of Constance Hopkins and a graduate of Fort Collins High School in Fort Collins, Colorado. Molly was involved in many groups such as the student newspaper, History Club, and more. She plans to major in journalism and political science at Northwestern University. Molly is the granddaughter of GSMD member Paul Fletcher.

Second Place $4,000: Jonas Gaspari. Jonas grew up in Delray Beach, Florida. He is an avid learner with a passion for reading, writing, history and business. He is descended from George Soule, and enjoys spending summers on Cape Cod with his family. Jonas is a Freshman at the University of Florida's Honors College, majoring in finance. Jonas is the son of GSMD member Kristen Carol Hamre Gaspari.

Third Place $3,000: Ciara Carr. A descendant of George Soule, Ciara Carr of Anderson, Indiana, was homeschooled and graduated in 2019 with honors. She was actively involved in Bible Study Fellowship, choir, piano, soccer and theater. She will attend Hillsdale College to study music and languages, and would love to eventually work with Bible translation. She is the daughter of GSMD member Dawn Carr.

Fourth Place $2,000: Gretchen Ellis. A descendant of William Bradford, Gretchen is a graduate from Blue Valley North High School in Overland Park, Kansas where she graduated magna cum laude. She was involved in varsity golf, choir, yearbook and the National Honor Society. She will matriculate at St. Olaf College to study political science and biology. Gretchen is the daughter of GSMD member Heather Ellis.

Saluting The Commoners: *Mayflower 400*

By Nancy Priscilla Naro

Notes on sites and forthcoming events in the United States, the United Kingdom and Leiden for 2019-2020 commemorations of the Mayflower and its passengers.

The *Mayflower* Window. The window depicts the scene on the Barbican, port of Plymouth, *when the Pilgrim Fathers (and Mothers) boarded the "MAYFLOWER," on 6th September 1620, after being kindly entertained and courteously used by divers friends there dwelling.* **Sherwell Congregational Church, North Hill, Plymouth, England, PL4** 8ER **(sherwellunitedchurch@btinternet.com)**.

Some years ago, on a chilly November afternoon, two men sporting Pilgrim hats and dressed in voluminous colorful turkey costumes ambled nonchalantly through the departure lounge of Heathrow Airport. The presence of the duo was wildly out of place in a London airport, although the Pilgrim hat and the turkey were familiar stereotypes of American Thanksgiving. Had they been spotted in America, bemused onlookers would have assumed that they were heading out to a traditional Thanksgiving gathering.

And there we have it: the fabled association of the name Pilgrim with the black clothes and wide-brimmed pointy buckled hats and, of course, the Native American wild turkey. As the name Thanksgiving implies, the enduring element of the annual national holiday on the fourth Thursday of November is a symbolic gesture of thanks.

It harks back to landfall at Cape Harbor (now Provincetown) on 21 November 1620 after a grueling 66-day transatlantic sail from Plymouth Bay on England's south coast. Blown north of their original Virginia destination and then diverted farther north beyond the mouth of the Hudson River, the *Mayflower* passengers found themselves beyond the Virginia Company's jurisdiction. Faced with brewing dissent onboard, a group of religious separatists, merchants, skilled artisans and refuge seekers sought inspiration in a religious model of self-government that may have been patterned on their experiences as refugees in Leiden. The 41 male signatories of an agreement that became known as the *Mayflower Compact* bound themselves in a "civil body politic" to " pass just and equal laws" for the "general good of the colony."

A year later, the 50 percent who survived the first winter in the Plimouth settlement shared a three-day harvest feast with the Wampanoags. Since that time, generations of descendants of settlers and Native American peoples have disseminated myths and histories, mulled over cartoons and verses, and engaged in multifaceted debates and controversies over land and trade, wars and alliances, colony and nation. However meaningful that harvest feast was, and a recent article claims that there was "never any 'first' American Thanksgiving,"[1] a day of thanksgiving has become an enduring annual national holiday since it was so proclaimed by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Fast forward to 2019 and 2020, and the 400-year trans-Atlantic anniversary celebration of the *Mayflower* sailing in September 1620. Sponsored by public and private partnerships, official *Mayflower 400* committees are highlighting the cultural, political, economic and religious significance of the *Mayflower* experience for the Wampanoag Nation, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the United States.

United Kingdom: The Wampanoag. One of the signature projects of *Mayflower 400* UK involves a touring heritage and arts project, "Stories and Shells," partnered between the British Arts Council, the British Museum and the Wampanoag nation. The tour will feature a Wampum belt that tribal artisans of the Wampanoag Nation and the British Museum are creating for the Wampanoag Nation. This will replace the belt worn by Metacom (known to the English as King Phillip), which was taken from him nearly 350 years ago. According to Paula Peters of the Wampanoag Advisory Committee,

"Wampum belts, if you can imagine, are as important to us as the crown worn by the Queen."

United Kingdom: English towns and ports. Different to many tourist itineraries, the *Mayflower 400* focuses on people and places that have been largely bypassed by the popular tours of English battlefields, royal palaces, churches and stately manors. The passengers on the *Mayflower* were mostly commoners, many of whom were religious dissenters at a time when non-Anglican worship was illegal. Some were merchants and skilled workers, who were joined by others such as the cooper John Alden, as well as indentured servants and orphans. Those who sought individual freedom, adventure, anonymity, access to land and a better economic future made up the remainder of the passengers.

Planned Events: In the southern English port of **Plymouth**, events will juxtapose the famous nautical history of the port with the *Mayflower* experience. *Illuminate*, an international festival of light, will commemorate the *Mayflower* experience at the opening event on 28 November 2019. The Box, a modern cultural hub for artwork and music, will be inaugurated in April 2020 with a collection of *Mayflower* artifacts from over 100 institutions worldwide. On 16 September 2020, representatives from the UK, the U.S., the Netherlands, and the Wampanoag Nation will commemorate the *Mayflower's* journey and legacy. The "*Mayflower Muster*," a series of live and interactive displays, is scheduled for 19 to 20 September, to highlight the shared histories of the UK, U.S. and Dutch navies.

Beyond Plymouth, the commemorations span the country from counties in the south through London and north into the Midlands. It will be remembered that in July 1620, the *Mayflower* and the *Speedwell* anchored for provisioning off West Quay in the southern port of Southampton. The Pilgrim monument and a number of commemorative plaques to Stephen Hopkins, John Alden and William Brewster are displayed on Old West Quay and in *Mayflower* Park.

Visitors will be welcome at art and dance exhibitions in the recently renovated cultural center, **God's House Tower.** Southampton will also offer a three-day **Mayflower Maritime Festival** in mid-August 2020 to commemorate the *Mayflower* and *Speedwell* passengers. A **Walk the Walls** heritage trail along the town's medieval walls will incorporate the *Mayflower's* journey into the port's history. Look for the Southampton ABP Marathon and its *Mayflower* theme among the sports activities on offer. In October and November 2020 there will also be a **Giving Thanks through Food Festival** highlighting the city's diverse communities.

In **London**, the Mayflower Pub on the River Thames in Rotherhithe marks the site where the *Mayflower* is said to have set sail for Southampton. The pub holds a register of *Mayflower* descendants that visitors can consult, sign and add their details with the names of their *Mayflower* ancestors. Facing the pub and a few steps down the road to the right is an ironic Pilgrim's Pocket statue, and to the left of the pub is St. Mary's Church. A plaque commemorates the Master of the *Mayflower*, Christopher Jones, who moved to Rotherhithe in 1611. His burial marker is in the churchyard.

The port of **Harwich** is where the *Mayflower* is believed to have been built, and visitors in 2020 will be able to visit the home of Christopher Jones and take advantage of updated visitor trails that highlight the town's *Mayflower* heritage. Twentyone miles from London, in the Surrey town of **Dorking**, the local museum has a small *Mayflower*-related display and the archive contains a 17th century map of the village. Dorking was home to *Mayflower* passenger William Mullins (a cobbler who was once summoned to appear before the Privy Council) and his daughter Priscilla, who became the wife of John Alden. The house still stands and is now a local café.

In Worcestershire, the town of **Droitwich** remembers Edward Winslow, who at one time was contracted to work for a stationer in the city of London, and who later identified himself as a printer from London. He joined the Separatists in Leiden and was onboard the *Speedwell* when it sailed for Southampton in 1620. In addition to his statue, a plaque dedicated to Winslow in St Peter's Church, and a portrait of Edward Winslow in the Council Room of the Droitwich Heritage Center, the town mural displays an image of the *Mayflower*.

Across Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire, where many of the Separatists were

based, the **PilgrimAGE Festival** from May to September 2020 will highlight the authentic experiences that connected those communities. A newly inaugurated and carefully planned **Pilgrims Gallery** in the Bassetlaw Museum in the town of **Retford** provides a gateway to the *Mayflower* passengers whose homes, places of worship, livelihoods and markets have been traced to **Austerfield, Boston, Immingham, Babworth, Scrooby** and **Gainsborough.** Visitors to the Gallery will marvel at the broad coverage of daily life in the villages and the significance of religious beliefs to the Separatists, one of whom actually addresses visitors. On the display board in the charming village of Scrooby in North Nottinghamshire, there is a depiction of William Brewster with a brief description of his enrollment at the University of Cambridge and his preaching at St. Wilfred's Church in Scrooby, where he was eventually fined for inattendence.

The village watermill still stands, as does the manor house where Brewster is reputed to have lived and where he held secret Separatist meetings. Tours are available and cover the *Mayflower*-related towns of Babworth, Austerfield, Gainsborough Old Hall and the Boston Guildhall in **Lincolnshire** [**bostonguildhall.co.uk**] where Brewster and other religious dissidents, including William Bradford from Austerfield, were arrested and imprisoned before their escape to Amsterdam in 1607.

In **Holland**, the Pilgrim refugees initially welcomed the religious tolerance in Leiden, where they settled in 1609. It was a welcome reprieve as their publications dissented from the Anglican Church and brought about arrest and persecution from the agents of King James I while in England. During the decade that they lived in Leiden, many suffered economic privation, in part because their skills were not compatible with the needs of the Dutch labor market. Faced also with the challenges to their beliefs in liberal Holland and with the threat of renewed war against Spain, arrangements were made to depart on the *Speedwell* from Delfshaven on 1 August 1620 (by the Gregorian Calendar) and to meet the *Mayflower* passengers in Southampton.

Pilgrims will be the theme for 2020 in the city of **Leiden**. Events have yet to be finalized, but the Tourist Information Office near to the Central Rail Station in Leiden sells a comprehensive **Pilgrim Walking Tour** and a free city map that identifies the historical section of the city. The website of the **Leiden American Pilgrim Museum** has a less detailed walking tour of Pilgrim sites. Jeremy Bangs, renowned author and director of the Leiden American Pilgrim museum (open Thursday-Saturday, 1-4pm), has amassed an impressive and unique collection of furnishings, artifacts, books (including his publications), documents and maps that reveal the daily life and hardships that the Pilgrims and their families endured after seeking refuge in Leiden in 1609. A patient visitor to the small museum will profit from his courteous welcome and explanations about the acquisition and use of the items.

The Leiden American Pilgrim Museum will enter into partnership with the Museum De Lakenhal and the Leiden University Library for an 'intellectual baggage' exhibition of books that the Pilgrims took on their journey to America. Of importance to the lives of the Pilgrims was the **Pieterskerk** (St. Peter's Church). Outside of the Pieterskerk is a plaque that names the Pilgrim children who were buried in the church. Inside, there is a display about the Pilgrims that surrounds a memorial plaque to Pastor John Robinson, who was buried in the church in 1625. Nearby to the church is the site of John Robinson's house, and there is also a plaque in the Pieterskerkchoorsteeg. The Museum Volkenkunde, in cooperation with the Wampanoag Nation, will host a **Native Nations in the 17th Century exhibition** that explores the culture of the original inhabitants of America. Of special interest to Dutch residents with possible links to the Pilgrims, a **Meet Your Pilgrim Relative** booth is also planned.

The **Pilgrim Church in Delfshaven** (Aelbrechtskolk Street, 20, tel. 0031 10477 4156), an historic and scenic neighborhood of Rotterdam that was originally Delft's harbor, displays a colorful leaded stained glass of the *Speedwell* and two others depicting the six days of Creation. Along the walls are commemorative panels and two miniatures of the *Speedwell* and the *Mayflower* ships. The church website does not specify the opening dates and times on alternating Fridays and Saturdays, but there is contact information for tours and events.

The United States: The General Society of Mayflower Descendants will hold celebrations during the main multicultural events that will take place between September 12th and 19th 2020, kicking off in Provincetown, Boston and Plymouth, Massachusetts. The focus will be on Provincetown on September 13th, shifting to Boston Common and the Boston State House on the 14th, and then finally to Plymouth for meetings and tours. On offer as backdrops to the process of settlement and life in Plymouth Colony are scheduled various ceremonial and cultural events, including the *The Ship Mayflower,* Plymouth Rock, walks along the historic trail that includes the mill, the recently purchased Mayflower Meetinghouse and Burial Hill. The Plimouth Plantation settlement and the Wampanoag village and accompanying ceremonies will familiarize visitors with the daily life, customs, farming, government, religious observances, diet, war and trade.

The *Mayflower* Legacy. The term 'Commoners' has lost its formerly pejorative designation of a person lacking refinement or without special rank. The passengers who set sail on the *Mayflower* were not prominent and influential members of English or Dutch society. From mainly humble English backgrounds, they held to a tenacious faith and managed to lay down and abide by the basic tenets of local government in the *Mayflower Compact.* Their lives in America and the interchanges between them and the Wampanoag nation are woven into the cross currents of Atlantic history that will take center stage in the commemorations this year and next.

For those who plan to visit, there are downloadable maps and tourist information, plus descriptions of *Mayflower*-related sites and *Mayflower 400* digital walking trails at **https://mayflower400uk.**org. For Holland, see **https://www.mayflower400leiden.nl.** For updates on places and events in the U.S., see **www.TheMayflowerSociety.org** and **www.Plymouth400Inc.org.**

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1 Mayflower Journal 3 [2018]:23, "Pilgrim Images V," by James W. Baker. "Even Plymouth has no real claim to this - the 1621 event was neither a declared Thanksgiving nor was it followed by an unbroken tradition extending to the present."

Mayflower Family Silver Books Update

The new Thomas Rogers Part Two Volume Nineteen was released a few months ago. It includes the sixth generation descendants of Thomas' grandchildren, Thomas Rogers and Elizabeth Rogers.

The Descendants of Elder William Brewster Through His Son Jonathan was also released. It is Part Two of Volume Twenty-Four. Generations five and six are included in this volume.

Edward Winslow descendants will be happy about the release of Volume Twenty-Five. This edition extends the descendants of Governor Edward Winslow and his second wife as Susanna Jackson. It includes their lineage to the eight generation with the naming of ninth-generation children.

Volume Twenty-Four William Brewster Part Three is being printed as we speak. In this volume you will learn about his descendants through his daughters, Patience and Fear, and his son, Love. This is the final volume of the William Brewster series through generation five, naming the sixth generation.

2020 NEWS & UPDATES

CALIFORNIA:

The beautiful GSMD *Mayflower "Voyage of Hope – 1620"* float participating in the 131st Rose Parade© will be the first 2020 event in this upcoming exciting and memorable year. If you are not able to be in Pasadena to sit with your GSMD cousins, parade-side, we hope you will be watching from wherever you are on 1 January 2020 at 8:00am PST.

The California Society will continue to ask for donations for the parade float after the first of the year when the final payment is due. Several more fun and meaningful ways to donate have been added to the website: **www.CAMayflower.org**. Donors can dedicate postcards or flower vials in memory of their *Mayflower* passenger(s) or other ancestors. The postcards and vials will need to meet the deadlines specified to ride on the float.

You can also show your support for the *Mayflower 2020 Commemoration* by donating $35 and receive a bottle of Limited Edition *Mayflower 400* Label wine! See our website for more details.

Congratulations to the cousins from eight Member Societies who were selected to ride on the float along with members of the GSMD *Mayflower Guard*, who will escort the ship. Seventeen will ride and two will walk. Thirteen are from California and six represent other Member Societies:

- *Mayflower Guard*: James Battles (MD/TX) and Charles Provost (IN).
- Float Riders: Governor General George Garmany (CO), Nancy Lennoff (MA), Duke Romo (NY) and Carol Wilder-Tamme (CT).
- California Riders: Tony Brewster, Carole Curran, Madison Grogan, Grace Jensen, Liane Jenson, Kathleen Loftman, Past Governor Marcia Huntley Maloney (CA & NH), Scott Miller, Governor Ray Raser (CA & MA), Karen Schwartz, Donald St. John, Beth Stone and Jane Wong.

The California 2020 Committee is so appreciative of the time, effort and expense from these finalists. All will be in California to help decorate the float.

From left to right: Tony Brewster, Marcia Huntley Maloney, Kathleen Loftman, Ray Raser, Karen Schwartz, Beth Stone, Carole Curran, Scott Miller and Donald St. John.

NORTH CAROLINA:

The NC Mayflower Society is partnering with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at NC State University during the 2020 commemoration. OLLI provides non-credit short courses, study trips and special events for adults aged 50+. Topics are wide-ranging in the liberal arts and sciences with an emphasis on the joy of learning.

The collaboration will consist of four weekly presentations, beginning on 29 January 2020. These sessions will explore the Pilgrim's expedition, Plymouth Colony, the colonists' relations with the Native Americans and the religious background of the Separatist movement. A special focus will be on the women and children of Plymouth Colony and how they contributed to the colony's survival. In addition, the unique history of the Society of the Mayflower Descendants in North Carolina will be presented.

For more information see **https://mckimmoncenter.ncsu.edu/olli.**

Sprucing up the House for 2020!

The Mayflower Society House is looking even brighter and more beautiful these days, thanks to a fresh coat of paint! Exterior work has been underway throughout the fall, from mitigating lead paint to renovating the oceanside porch railing, along with a variety of other carpentry repairs. As you can see, the painters even got up to the cupola. We can't wait to reopen the House in 2020!

GENERAL BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

Denver, Colorado September 7th, 2019 | MINUTES
Submitted by Secretary General Jane. E. Hurt

The Annual Meeting of the General Board of Assistants of the *General Society of Mayflower Descendants* was called to assemble by Assistant Governor General Susan E. Roser on Saturday, September 07, 2019, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Downtown Denver, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Governor General George Garmany Jr., MD with Secretary General Jane E. Hurt in attendance.

Governor General Garmany announced the appointment of two timekeepers for this meeting, Marcia Maloney of California and Randy Roberts of Vermont. Charlene Janeczko of Wisconsin assisted with the microphones for this meeting. Elder General Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike Jr. gave the invocation.

The *Mayflower Guard*, under the command of James B. Battles of Maryland, presented the colors including the Flag of the United States of America, Canada and the General Society. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Captain General Jeff Stark.

The Colorado Mayflower Society, Richard Jeffords, Governor, brought greetings.

Governor General Garmany recognized Former Governors General, Mildred Ramos of Virginia, Judy Swan of California and Lea S. Filson of Louisiana who also served as a Former Assistant Governors General, for being present.

Governor General Garmany extended a warm welcome to Executive Director of the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum, Dr. K. David Weidner, Ph.D. Training Day luncheon speaker, Stephen J. Valentine, Vice President, Partner Services, Family Search International was thanked for his presentation. David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist, New England Historic Genealogical Society and today's GBOA luncheon speaker was welcomed.

The GSMD Staff introduced by Governor General Garmany were Executive Director Susan Belekewicz, Director of Genealogy and Research Services Marti Bobertz, Membership Manager Emily Brockway and Sales Manager Sylvie Carlson.

Governor General Garmany recognized the *Mayflower Guard* in attendance led by Commander James Battles of Maryland, David Green of Louisiana, Charles Provost of Indiana, Noel Kuhrt of Delaware, Miles Standish and Ray Raser of California, Cathy Bambenek of Texas and Susan Abanor of New York.

Professional Registered Parliamentarian, Mary Scout, was appointed and welcomed by Governor General Garmany. Mrs. Scout gave an overview of parliamentary procedure including the role of the parliamentarian.

The necrology of officers was read by Elder General Reverend Dr. Thomas Pike as follows.

IN MEMORIAM

The *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* publishes notices of the passing of current and past General Society and Member Society officers, as well as members who have passed the age of 100.

GENERAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

C. Richard Denham, Former GSMD Member-at-Large (2014-2017) and Past Governor of the Texas Society, passed away 1 January 2019.

MEMBER SOCIETY OFFICERS

Robert P. Morse, Past Governor of the New York Society, passed away 25 April 2019 at the age of 73.

William R. Miller, Past Governor of the New York Society, passed away 29 March 2019, at the age of 95.

Gilbert Pemberton II, Past Governor and Treasurer of the Rhode Island Society, passed away 21 February 2019 at the age of 86.

John Stafford Adams, Past Governor and Deputy Governor of the Rhode Island Society, passed away 24 March 2019, at the age of 76. He had been a member of the Society for 54 years.

Donald F. Nelson, Captain of the Massachusetts Society, passed away 17 April 2019 at the age of 89. He also served the Society as Assistant and Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

R. Wendell Phillips Jr., Past Governor of the Massachusetts Society, passed away 25 June 2018. He also served as Deputy Governor and Assistant and had been a member for 52 years.

Donna J. Dennison, Co-Historian of the Canadian Mayflower Society, passed away 2 February 2019. She also served as Co-Historian and Member-at-Large.

Bonnie M. Bartlett, Past Treasurer of the Vermont Society, passed away 25 December 2018. She also served the Society as Newsletter Co-Editor and Board Member.

Charles Willard Harmon, Past Governor of the Nebraska Society, passed away 25 October 2018. He had been a member for 49 years.

Horace Moody, Past Governor of the Maine Society, passed away 22 September 2018. He also served the Society as Deputy Governor, Captain and Member-at-Large.

Nancy Morris, Past Recording Secretary of the Florida Society, passed away 4 September 2018.

Virginia Kimball Howard, Past Elder of the Vermont Society, passed away 24 February 2018 in her 99th year. She had been a member for 58 years.

Roberta Irene Gill Middlekamp, Past Recording Secretary of the Missouri Society, passed away 2 February 2018.

Warren Brooks Howard, Past Corresponding Secretary and Member-at-Large of the Maryland Society, passed away 28 January 2018.

Charles Allen Berry, Past Assistant and Finance Committee Chair of the Illinois Society, passed away 13 January 2018.

Harold Jencks Hubbard, Past Governor of the Rhode Island Society, passed away 7 December 2017.

Karen Diana Sanders, Treasurer of the Nebraska Society, passed away 24 August 2017.

Jacob Elward Rosencrantz, Past Governor of the Nebraska Society, passed away 17 April 2017, age 94.

SOCIETY CENTENARIANS

Elizabeth Jencks Baldarelli, a member of the Massachusetts Society, passed away at Sterling, MA on 25 April 2019, at the age of 100 years, one month.

Celia Cleta Norton Kincheloe, a member of the Kansas Society, passed away, 24 March 2019, two months shy of her 103rd birthday.

Joyce T. Gardner, a member of the Florida Society, passed away 15 February 2019 at the age of 97. She had been a member for 70 years.

Barbara Eleanor Schulte Fuller, a member of the Massachusetts Society, passed away 13 January 2019 at the age of 103.

Virginia Jost, a member of the North Dakota Society, passed away 10 October 2018, at the age of 98 years. She had been a member for 69 years.

Eleanor Wetten Pennington, a member of the Illinois Society, passed away 14 January 2018 at the age of 105 years of age. She had been a member for 69 years.

We also remember a member who has given much to GSMD, the Researcher of the *Stephen Hopkins Silver Book*, **Judge John Delong Austin** who passed away at New York, 17 June 2019 at the age of 84. As the researcher for the *Stephen Hopkins Silver Book*, he was the author of three editions, the last in 2001. He was a member of the Oklahoma Mayflower Society and was descended from Stephen Hopkins and William Brewster.

Secretary General Jane E. Hurt read the nominees to the General Society offices of Deputy Governors General and Assistants General for election.

AZ: AG Nominee Matthew W. Harrison

CA: DGG Nominee Marcia Maloney
AG Nominee Ray Raser

CN: DGG Nominee Maureen McGee
AG Nominee Glenn Steven Cook

CT: DGG Nominee Mary F. Brown
AG Nominee Gregory F. Thompson

DC: AG Nominee Elizabeth 'Beth' Hicks

EU: AG Nominee Virginia A. Mucciaccio

GA: DGG Nominee Dr Arthur E. Chapman
AG Nominee Julia 'Judy' Farrigan

HI: AG Nominee Lynda J. Hylander

LA: DGG Nominee Mara S. Coiron
AG Nominee David E. Green

MA: DGG Nominee William F. Tinney
AG Nominee Barbara-Lee Kelly

MI: DGG Nominee Lei Ruckle-Ausman

NH: DGG Nominee Heather Rojo

NM: DGG Nominee Janet Cosgrove
AG Nominee Judith Rapping

PA: DGG Nominee Reed Kneale

VA: DGG Nominee Lee H. Woody
AG Nominee James H. Maloney

WV: DGG Nominee Vickie L. Baker
AG Nominee Martha Whitlock Endres

Motion: Secretary General Hurt moved "the election of these 25 officer nominees." Adopted.

ROLL CALL

Secretary General Hurt began the roll call with the General Officers, the Former Governors General and the Former Assistant Governors General; the following were present:

Executive Committee Officers

Governor General
George P. Garmany Jr., MD

Assistant Governor General
Susan E. Roser

Secretary General
Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt

Treasurer General
Elizabeth 'Liz' W. Gaudreau, CPA

Historian General
Marjorie 'Midge' K. Hurtuk

Counsellor General
Richard S. Gilmore, Esq.

Captain General
Jeff Stark

Elder General
Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike

Surgeon General
Naomi S. Mann, MD

Executive Committee Members-at-Large

Lisa H. Pennington, Esq.

Donald T. Studley, CPA

Jane Duxbury Schleinzer

Former Governors General

Mildred Ramos

Judith H. Swan

Lea Sinclair Filson

Former Assistant Governors General (included above)

Secretary General Hurt continued the roll call of the General Board of Assistants; the following were present, **Deputy Governors General and Assistants General**:

AL: DGG Alan M. Davis
AG Ann R. Ferguson

AZ: DGG Andrew Turner
Acting AG Raya Robinson

AR: DGG Linda K. White

CA: DGG Marcia Maloney
AG Ray Raser

CAN: DGG Maureen E. McGee
AG Glenn Steven Cook

CO: DGG Michelle L. Brown
AG Richard Jeffords

CT: DGG Mary F. Brown
AG Gregory E. Thompson

DE: DGG Noel H. Kuhrt, Jr.
AG Robert J. Hanson, Jr.

DC: AG Elizabeth 'Beth' Hicks

EU: DGG Suzanne Ress
AG Virginia A. Mucciaccio

FL: DGG Reynolds Cushing
AG Kenneth Carter

GA: Acting DGG D. Alan Smith
AG Julia A. Farrigan

HI: AG Lynda J. Hylander

ID: DGG Deborah Lasher-Hardy

IL: Acting DGG Deborah Domain
Acting AG Jessica Schleinzer

IN: AG Laura Smith

IA: AG Kenneth R. Callison

KS: Acting DGG Della J. Regenold
Acting AG Walter Murphy

KY: Acting DGG Betty Burton
AG Ben J Talbot, Jr., Esq

LA: DGG Mara S. Coiron
AG David E. Green

ME: Acting DGG Carla Rigby, PhD
Acting AG Ellen Newton

MD: DGG James B. Battles

MA: DGG William F. Tinney
AG Barbara-Lee Kelly

MI: DGG Grace B. Smith
Acting AG Thora Goodnight

MN: DGG Lorraine A. Link
AG Gregory Oxley

MS: DGG Charles M. Johnson
AG Nancy Harrison

MO: DGG Lei Ruckle-Ausman

NE: DGG Gretchen Harvey
AG Kathryn Morrisey

NH: DGG Heather D. Rojo

NJ: DGG Nancy Popielarski
AG Stephen H. Gibbon

NY: DGG Adelaide P. Farah
AG Susan Abanor

NC: DGG Michael C. Keleher
Acting AG Jill Chapman

OH: Acting DGG Dr. Elizabeth Finley-Belgrad
AG Dr. Donald Nichols

PA: Acting AG Laura Tyndall

SC: DGG Bonnie W. Mucia
AG Marylen Jackson

Governor General's 2019 Distinguished Service Award

Carter and Sharon Wiese

At the 2019 General Board of Assistants Meeting in Denver in September, Governor General George Garmany presented the Governor General's Distinguished Service Award to Carter and Sharon Wiese of the South Dakota Society. Both have been vital members in their own Society, long-term participants in the activities and events of the General Society, and friends to everyone they have met. They even performed a complete inventory of the contents of the Mayflower House a few years ago – a Herculean task! Congratulations Carter and Sharon!

SD: DGG Carter O. Wiese
AG Sharon C. Wiese

TN: Acting AG Roger Tenney

TX: Acting DGG Linda Hill
AG Judie Allen

UT: DGG Thomas P. Portlock

VT: DGG Randy L. Roberts
AG Cynthia Roberts

VA: Acting DGG Barbara Carpenter
AG James H. Maloney

WA: DGG Judy Arnold
Acting AG Martha L. Music

WV: DGG Vickie L. Baker
AG Martha Whitlock Endres

WI: Acting DGG Christine Schlosser
AG Charlene Janeczko

WY: DGG Elwood M. Porter II

Motion to Seat Members and Acting Members
MOTION: Secretary General Hurt moved "to seat the members and acting members present during the roll call." Adopted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following corrections were made to the agenda:

1. The first page, which included the Executive Officers, was re-printed and distributed.

2. The Executive Committee start time was corrected from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

With no objections, the agenda was approved as corrected. Approved.

ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES

Motion: AG James Maloney of Virginia moved "the Standing Rules be adopted as printed." There being a two-thirds vote in the affirmative, the standing rules were adopted.

Approval of Minutes of the 08 September 2018 General Board of Assistants Meeting. The minutes of the 08 September 2018 General Board of Assistants Meeting held in St. Charles, Illinois, were approved as distributed by e-mail to GBOA members, published in the December 2018 issue of The *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* and posted on the GSMD website.

Actions of the Executive Committee. The actions of the Executive Committee dated 08 December 2018, 09 March 2019 and 22 June 2019 were distributed by e-mail to all General Board of Assistants members. Therefore, only the actions of the meeting held in Denver, Colorado, dated 5 September 2019, were read.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS DECEMBER 2018 – SEPTEMBER 2019

Executive Committee Actions: 08 December 2018

1. To adopt the agenda.

2. To ratify the minutes of the 06 September 2018 Executive Committee Meeting.

3. To ratify the minutes of the 10 October 2018 Executive Conference Call Meeting.

4. To approve the minutes of the 14 November 2018 Executive Conference Call Meeting.

5. To ratify the action of the 10 October 2018

Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to proceed with the contract, as distributed, with Dee Clements, Artist, for the William Bradford sculpture.

6. To ratify the action of the 14 November 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to adopt the Family Search Library Affiliate Contract as distributed

7. To ratify the action of the 14 November, 2018 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to submit the two 990 Tax Forms to the Auditors.

8. To add Liz Gaudreau and Lisa Pennington as Trustee Representatives of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Charitable Trust.

9. To accept the Mayflower Lineage Match (MLM) plan for organizations and pricing for MLM Pro, the Mayflower Lineage Match for Professionals, conducting genealogical research on behalf of clients.

10. To use on a trial basis the guidelines in the (Captain General's) report for the Guides at the Colorado GBOA meeting, with the intention that if the guidelines work out, to have a formal motion on Guides at Congress.

11. To authorize proceeding with a contract with Site Solutions Worldwide, Inc. as the 2020 Registration Vendor, proceeding with a contract for the tours as distributed through *Tour Trends*, the Mayflower House Reception contract through *Julie Brewster* and the Gala catering through the *Chef's Table*. Final authorization is contingent upon the approval of the bridge loan by the Trustees.

12. To approve the $5,500.00 California Rose Bowl Parade Float donation with the California Society signing the contract and the money to come from the 2020 fund.

13. To renew the book contract on The Cry of the Stone for the price of $1.00.

14. To support the Wampanoag in their endeavor to get their tribal land back.

15. To support Executive Director Belekewicz to move forward with organization planning and come back with actionable items.

16. To approve the proposal to change the third-party vendor discount for Mayflower publications from 33.3% to 15% and further, to approve third-party vendors no longer be permitted to offer any discounts, effective 01 January 2019.

17. To approve for filing the 990 Tax Returns subject to the final review of the auditors.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS: 09 MARCH 2019

1. To adopt the agenda.

2. To ratify the minutes of the 08 December 2018, Executive Committee Meeting.

3. To ratify the minutes of the 16 January 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting.

4. To approve the minutes of the 13 February 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting as distributed.

5. To ratify the action of the 16 January 2019, Executive Committee, as amended, to proceed with a contract with *Site Solutions Worldwide, Inc.* as the 2020 registration vendor, proceeding with a contract for the tours as distributed through *Tour Trends*, the Mayflower House Reception contract and the Gala catering through the *Chef's Table.*

6. To ratify the action of the 16 January 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to authorize Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz, to pursue obtaining a line of credit, up to $200,000.00, the loan must be unsecured, from a local bank and authorizes Governor General George Garmany, Treasurer General Elizabeth Gaudreau and Counsellor General Richard Gilmore as signers for the loan on behalf of the General Society. The Executive Committee will vote to approve the terms of the line of credit and authorize the execution of the line of credit and subsequent loan.

7. To ratify the action of the 16 January 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to extend, as required, the number of hotel nights for the Executive Committee, and revisit the number required for the Former Governors General and Assistant Governors General, for the 2020 General Congress in Plymouth, due to the week-long 400th Anniversary Commemoration Events.

8. To ratify the action of the 13 February 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to approach the Trustees to change the Spending

Policy percentage for the next three years from 4% to 5%.

9. To ratify the action of the 13 February 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to authorize the Executive Director to obtain the $100,000.00 unsecured line of credit from Rockland Trust based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

10. To ratify the action of the 13 February 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting as follows: **GSMD Policy Manual** To change Miscellaneous, Vendor Tables at Congress, Policy #60, (p28), by substitution to: Vendor Tables / Exhibitor Space Commercial Vendors, Member Societies, Family Society Partners and other affiliated partners may participate in the Exhibit Hall at Congress or GBOA events. Applications must be submitted to the Events Planning Chair no later than 90 days prior to the event; if less than 90 days, space permitting, a surcharge will apply. Only approved applicants may participate.

Pricing for Exhibitor Space will be determined in advance of each event by the Events Planning Chair and the Executive Director. Pricing will be based on such factors as venue costs and competitive events pricing. Price quotes may include the pass-through of table rental fees, electricity access fees, and other such fees as quoted by the venue or exhibit hall.

11. To ratify the action of the 13 February 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting as follows: **GSMD Policy Manual**

To change the Use of the Archive Room, Policy #30, Archive Access Procedure, 5, (p22) to:
Archive Access

Examination of documents is allowed during normal business hours.

12. To allow GSMD to publish Jim Baker's Compendium of *Mayflower* Essays.

13. To accept Counsellor General Gilmore and Treasurer General Gaudreau's agreement for the Rose Bowl Parade Float/Fiesta Floats from the California Society along with a financial statement from the California Society.

14. To set Registration Fees for 2020 as follows: Early Bird $85.00 (first 3 months following Registration Go-Live); Regular Registration $100.00; Late Registration $125.00 (01 May 2020 through close of registration).

15. To offer the (Pilgrim Odyssey) ship for display to Plymouth Town Hall through 2020.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS: 22 JUNE 2019

1. To ratify the minutes of the 09 March 2019, Executive Committee Meeting.

2. To ratify the minutes of the 15 April 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting.

3. To approve the minutes of the 15 May 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting.

4. To adopt the agenda.

5. To ratify the 15 April 2019 action, the Executive Committee agrees to sign the (Massachusetts Preservation Round 25 Grant) Preservation Agreement.

6. To ratify the 15 May 2019, Executive Committee action, the 2020 Gala fee be $135.00 per person.

7. To reduce the Mayflower Society House Docents' schedule from seven days per week to four days per week, Thursday to Sunday, through October 31st, and reopen for two weekends in November 2019. On 01 May 2020, the schedule would resume to seven days per week with three docents and one gift shop clerk.

8. To eliminate any discount on registration fees or tours for children attending 2020, except those posted for the Jenny Museum tours.

9. To proceed with negotiation and a contract with Risk Management Advisors to represent GSMD during the 400th Anniversary and 42nd General Congress, September 2020.

10. To include waiver and release forms, approved by Counsellor General Gilmore, on the (2020) registration website.

11. To approve the compilation of a new history of the Mayflower Society House, written by Former Governor General Bruce MacGunnigle and edited by Assistant Governor General Roser, both pro bono, to be printed by GSMD as a 2020 publication, with pre-orders taken to offset the initial printing costs.

12. To accept the Deed of Gift by the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Maryland, *Welcome Englishmen* by painter Pamela Patrick White.

13. To ratify the actions, 15 April 2019, to accept the (Deed of Gift by James Battles) Chilton artwork, *Attack in Leiden* and the Deed of Gift by Michael Haywood as proposed with his revisions.

14. To allow Member Society members to buy committee bars for their Member Society ribbon.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS: 05 SEPTEMBER 2019

1. To adopt the agenda.

2. To ratify the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting dated 22 June 2019.

3. To ratify the minutes of the Executive Committee e-mail Meeting dated 28 June 2019. (*MQM*)

4. To ratify the minutes of the Executive Committee e-mail Meeting dated 01-02 July 2019.

5. To ratify the minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting dated 17 July 2019.

6. To ratify the minutes of the Executive Committee special budget Conference Call Meeting dated 23 July 2019.

7. To approve the minutes of the Executive Committee Conference Call dated 14 August 2019 as distributed.

8. To ratify the action of the 28 June 2019, Executive Committee e-mail Meeting that the estimate by *Shields Design Studio* for $13,500-$15,500 be approved to fund the graphics for the Fall *MQM* and the Annual Report.

9. To ratify the action of the 17 July 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to postpone the budget discussion to Tuesday, 23 July 2019.

10. To ratify the action of the 17 July 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to accept the plans for the 2020, 400th Anniversary Gala as proposed, which includes a registration fee of $135.00 per person, for the event to be self-funding.

11. To ratify the action of the 17 July 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call meeting to increase the *Mayflower Lineage Match* from $45.00 to $75.00, effective 1 August 2019.

12. To ratify the action of the 17 July 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to accept the Mike Haywood Sales Proposal for limited edition lithograph and giclee prints as presented.

13. To ratify the action of the 17 July 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to accept the Deed of Gift from Mike Haywood of the *Portrait of Mayflower Dogs, Springer Spaniel and Mastiff* as proposed.

14. To ratify the action of the 17 July 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to decline with regrets the Deed of Gift from the Schlegel Family for satin wedding slippers (ca1750), wedding gloves (ca1758-1850), widow's weed (1802-1866), Quaker bonnet (1769-1858) and a circa 19th Century black wire-rimmed lace cap.

15. To ratify the action of the 17 July 2019 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to approve the lead-based mitigation and the repainting of the Mayflower Society House which includes the repair of the ocean-side railing to be paid by a special draw from the Pilgrim Fund not to exceed $125,000.00.

16. To ratify the action of the 17 July 2019 Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to authorize Executive Director Belekewicz to proceed in hiring a Membership Manager.

17. To ratify the action of the 23 July 2019, Executive Committee Special (Budget) Conference Call Meeting to adopt the budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 as adjusted with a net deficit of $5,730.00.

18. To ratify the action of the 14 August 2019, Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to decline the Sadler Family heirloom rope for display during 2020. Pilgrim Hall was recommended for authentication and, if accepted, for display of the artifact.

19. To amend the action of the July 17th Executive Committee Conference Call Meeting to approve the lead-based mitigation and the repainting of the Mayflower Society House which includes the

repair of the ocean-side railing to be paid by a special draw from the Pilgrim Fund, not to exceed $125,000.00, be amended to be paid from the Mayflower Society House Endowment Fund as approved by the Trustees.

20. To amend the Conflict of Interest Policy #32, to: A voting member of the GBOA, or any committee member whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Society, either individually or collectively, is not prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

21. To cancel the March 2020 Executive Committee Meeting to be held in Plymouth to comply with the 2019-2020 Budget to reduce expenses.

22. To accept the Dee Clements contract for manufacture and sales of the William Bradford maquette with an amendment to include the statue size and composition.

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Report of the Governor General

Good morning, fellow officers and members of GSMD assembled for this Board Meeting. As you know, it has been an incredibly busy year, and you have already received many documents summarizing these events, upcoming activities, and the present position of our wonderful organization. In the interest of saving time, I will try not to duplicate the information that you will receive from others shortly.

First, I want to commend our Executive Committee General Officers who are working so hard on your behalf. Every one of them makes extensive sacrifices of time, talent, and – yes, treasury – to provide the sustained attention that the organization requires. Please join me in offering our appreciation to this dedicated and talented group of people whom you see beside me.

During this past year, our Executive Committee has met face to face three times, by teleconference at least monthly during the months when we do not physically gather, and for several extra sessions that were required for urgent matters. I have presided over all of those meetings, plus the monthly meetings of the Personnel Committee. I have also met regularly with the Trustees of the Meetinghouse, which will be reviewed in greater detail presently. Of course, the Governor General maintains regular communication with the Executive Director, as she will tell you during her report. I do my best to be aware of the ongoing activities in our offices in Plymouth. Last April it was also my privilege to host our Heritage Week Breakfast in Washington, DC and to visit other lineage groups that meet there.

In addition to activities focused in Plymouth, I have visited 16 Member Societies since the General Board last met. I hope to visit a similar number in the next twelve months, and I have a couple of observations for you. Some of the Societies that I have met recently have been struggling for one reason or another. This year and next are excellent opportunities for Societies that are experiencing difficulty to hold meetings that will help to focus membership attention on our shared mission, If I can help you by attending your activities, please let me know. Visiting Member Societies and helping them to build participation is one of the most important things that I do.

We have also worked this year to improve our Society's relationship with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe on Cape Cod. You may know that there has been an issue over trust lands previously granted to them, which were recently repealed by the Department of the Interior. The Tribe asked for our organizational support in their efforts to obtain Congressional relief from this development. We have engaged Congress, and I'm pleased to report that the appropriate legislation was passed by the US. House. Senate action is pending, but it's important that this effort has given us an opportunity to engage with the Tribe and discuss matters of common interest.

Later today we will discuss the need to update some of our financial policies and resources. While our organization remains strong, we have fallen terribly far behind similar organizations in fundraising, impacting our ability to conduct important parts of our governance. It's an especial shame that we are experiencing these limitations right at the time of this anniversary when we have so much opportunity to show the world what we do and why it's important. We discussed many of those specifics at the Governor General's Forum yesterday, so I won't go into much detail today, but every single officer is experiencing limits on his or her ability to perform important functions for the Society.

A couple of other activities deserve to be mentioned. Later you will see information about the William Bradford statue that GSMD will place in our garden next summer. It has been a special treat to work with Dee Clements, our artist who also happens to be a member of the South Dakota Society, as he has gradually refined the design of the statue. Members of the 1620 Club will have the opportunity to visit his studios tomorrow and see exactly what has been accomplished. Many additional activities are planned for 2020, and I invite you to share my excitement about these events as they unfold today.

As always, it is an exceptional honor and privilege to serve the General Society as your Governor General.

- George P. Garmany Jr., MD, Governor General

Report of the Assistant Governor General
My main focus and energy this past year has been on the *Mayflower Quarterly* and I will report on this under committee reports.

I also serve on the Silver Books Committee and have continued research on the Stephen Hopkins family. My thanks to Greg Thompson and Susan Abanor who are both assisting with Hopkins research. We are all volunteering our time.

Since we last met in Illinois last September, I have attended Executive Committee meetings in Plymouth, and participated in monthly conference calls for both the Executive and Personnel Committees, with additional calls when required.

Has everyone read the "10 years of GSMD Accomplishments" Secretary General Hurt sent out last week? We can be proud of ourselves and of those who came before us; so much has been accomplished, not just in the past 10 years, but in the course of our 122 year history.

We continue to be committed to preserving and maintaining the Mayflower Society House – which has been under our care for the past 78 years. How can we make it pay for itself, instead of costing us thousands each year? Could we repurpose it as an interpretive center, have rotating exhibits relating the Pilgrims' story, or have a family history museum?

We are committed to expanding research and publication of our Silver Books. We are the gold-standard in *Mayflower* research and genealogy and we would never want this to falter.

We are committed to community outreach, to provide educational programs to the public about our Pilgrim ancestors' story. We could host genealogical workshops, and enhance and expand materials for schools. Taking ownership of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse is an amazing opportunity for us to honor our ancestors and educate the public.

We are committed to providing training and support to our Historians who are the heart of our organization.

We are committed to open communication with our Member Societies, which includes the Secretary General's emails, the *Mayflower Quarterly,* the *Pilgrim Press*, our online newsletter, and our website – which is in need of attention.

We are committed to hiring professional staff, to help us better support our membership, and to help us realize our goals with continued and renewed enthusiasm. I would like to recognize our Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz, who goes above and beyond each and every day. And our staff, who are as committed to our Society as we all are.

We are committed to ensuring our Junior members have the same passion we have about our Pilgrim ancestors, because the future of our Society is in their hands.

We continue to work to meet our goals and objectives. But we have grown. And the Mayflower Society of 1897 is not the same Society we are today. For all the accomplishments on our list, we have just as many wishes – and needs – on our to-do list. And that means we need the finances to continue moving forward, and the ability to make important decisions as they come up.

We need to consider carefully, how we proceed with our governance and our finances, to ensure we leave a worthy legacy to those who follow us.

Finally, I would like to let you know, that I do not plan to run for Governor General in 2020. I thank all those who have shown their support; however, I think the time is coming for me to concentrate on health and family.

- Susan E. Roser, Assistant Governor General

Report of the Secretary General
For this General Board of Assistants Meeting we have 82 GBOA officers attending with 50 Member Societies represented and a total registration of 217.

The Secretary General has recorded all regular and special proceedings to inform you of upcoming meetings and communicate the needs and changes of the Society. All member e-mails and calls are appreciated. This officer has served on the Executive Committee, the Personnel Committee, the Awards Committee, the Meetings and Events Committee and planned the Heritage Week breakfast in Washington D.C. It is my pleasure to work closely with the Colorado Society for this GBOA meeting and to assist the Massachusetts Society in planning the 2021 GBOA meeting in Plymouth commemorating the First Thanksgiving.

I have enjoyed planning and promoting the 400th Anniversary and the 42nd General Congress with Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz. Thanks, are extended to the Meetings and Events Committee: Grace Smith (MI), Gretchen Harvey (NE), Bonnie Mucia (SC), Carla Rigby (ME), Meg Averett (NC) and Prarie Counce (TX). What an honor for me to serve with members who have gone above and beyond. THANK YOU!

How do we continue to demonstrate the virtues found in the OBJECTS of our Society to those who come after us? GSMD Constitution & Bylaws, Article II, OBJECTS, p2

To perpetuate to a remote posterity the memory of the Pilgrim Fathers; To transmit the spirit, the purity of purpose and steadfastness of will of the Pilgrim Fathers to those who shall come after us…

These are but a few of the OBJECTS of our Society.

We cannot stand still. It is our turn to make the right decisions, move forward and meet our objectives over the next few years. These thoughtful decisions will ensure the growth of GSMD. We must introduce more technology to be relevant in today's world. We must work smarter. We must embrace our campus and make improvements for growth. We must compensate our staff with health care and benefits to attract committed and enthusiastic employees to support our mission. This is a huge undertaking, but together WE WILL!

Do you go out to eat once a month or more? Do you stop for a soda or coffee? Are we willing to spend as little as $.38 more per week or $20.00 more each year to move our Society forward, honor our *Pilgrim* ancestors, promote our educational objectives and provide financial stability for our beloved Mayflower Society? You are the key to making this a reality.

WE WILL move forward together into the next century to support and sustain GSMD.

It has been my honor to serve with this Executive Committee under the leadership of Governor General Garmany.

- Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, Secretary General

Report of the Treasurer General

The financials have been distributed in your packets. A brief commentary has been provided as an introduction to that financial package, however, some highlights from our past fiscal year include:

Our financials now include reporting of the Meetinghouse as the First Parish trustees deeded it over to GSMD at the end of February once our fundraising goal set at the beginning of the Trust was satisfied.

1. We ended our year with a surplus of just over $1,114,312. Keep in mind, most of these surplus funds are related to our endowment monies. In order to view this comparable to last year, this is made up of the following:

a. Investments: Surplus of $570,656, almost double last year's surplus of $299,728, these funds are reinvested for Long Term projects, part of our endowments

b. Meetinghouse: Surplus of $612,580.

c. Operations: Deficit of $68,92, which includes $74,265 of non-recurring 2020 Fund Expenses; if those are backed out, there was a small surplus of $5,341 attributed to general operations.

2. We had a surplus from investments of $945,256 and withdrew $374,600 in accordance to our 4% spending policy with the balance in our investments.

3. Our revenue came in at $1.745 million, 5% higher than last year and 6% higher than budget. The sources of revenue outside of the spending policy allotment are made up of Membership fees and assessments at 40%, Gifts at 17.6%, sales of books and insignia at 19.5%, and the Society House revenues brought in almost $12,000.

4. Expenditures came in at $1.813 million, 19% higher than last year and 6% higher than budget. Most of the increase was related to adding staff for the Genealogy Department and repairs to the

Library from a 2018 bequest received. How your money was spent was 32.8% on the Genealogy department and 12.7% on Genealogical research and publication costs, Society House operations takes 9.4%, Member Services, which includes the *Mayflower Quarterly*, uses 16.3%, Fundraising costs 11.8% and Administration uses 16.9%.

5. We have $12.4 million in assets, of that, $12.1 million is in cash and investments.

6. There are minimal liabilities.

Thank you to Susan Belekewicz with her amazing efforts related to our financial matters – she is a wonderful partner! Thanks also to Cheryl Whittaker, our Director of Finance for all her work keeping the daily matters moving forward, she is a gem!

To be part of the "gold standard" of Lineage Societies is an honor indeed. The pride we take in being able to say we descend from those on the *Mayflower* is unmatched to other Societies. Because we take our lineage so seriously, we should also take our financial responsibility of our Society equally as seriously. Today's world moves quickly – we need to be able to move quickly as well but cannot. As mentioned in the financial package commentary, our beloved Society is faced with challenges, most importantly our challenge of only being able to make important financial decisions every three years. There are times that a one-month lag can result in a costly misstep. We also recognize that the health of our Member Societies impacts the General Society, so it benefits us all to work jointly to achieve a goal of having an overall healthy Society. Let's be "Solid as a Rock," you know, Plymouth Rock! It is truly an honor to serve our wonderful Society as Treasurer General.

- Elizabeth 'Liz' W. Gaudreau, CPA,
Treasurer General

Report of the Historian General

Goals And Results: Last year we reported on our biggest challenge – the increasing volume of applications and the time lag between submission and verification of applications. The trend in escalating volume is due to our partnerships with top genealogical interests and the resulting publicity, and the approaching 20/20 celebration, and…the resulting publicity.

A year ago, I reported that if the trend in submissions continued, we could hit 2,800-2,900 submissions in 2018/19.

In the first seven months of 2019, we had a total of 2,088 submissions. Annualized, that is 3,580 submissions for the year, or 23.4% ABOVE even my optimistic increase.

This is fantastic news, but comes with attendant issues.

An annoying issue is that we don't have the ability to staff up at will, and our time lag for verification has increased exponentially – currently to about 15 weeks.

A very serious issue is that we lose money on every application verified – and the higher the submission number – the higher the loss to our financial bottom line.

Let me explain: Our current cost of verifying an application is $125. This includes verifier time, support staff time, and overhead. This cost is actually down from $150+ after instituting every efficiency measure, we could think of – EXCEPT anything that would compromise our genealogical standards.

Per the bylaws, we are directed to charge $75 for each verification. That is a $50 shortfall for each application. At our current rate of submissions, that would equal a shortfall of $179,000 for the verification process alone (3,580 x $50/verification = $179,000) for the year.

Every Member Society establishes its own application fee schedule, but the application costs are typically paid for by the applicant. If this $50 shortfall is not passed back to the applicant, then current Society members have to absorb it. The apparent solution is to amend the bylaws to allow timely adjustments to the application fee to reflect current costs so they are all passed back to the applicant, but we need to address the By Law issues before that can happen.

We do currently have one potentially mitigating option. In recent years, the *Mayflower Lineage Match* program has been very popular, and is in the same cost center as the application fee shortfall. The *Mayflower Lineage Match* or *MLM* - allows an individual to submit a potential line back to a *Mayflower* passenger and have it first checked against the *Silver, JH*, and *MFIP* books, and then, much more valuably, against our some 95,000 previously approved papers. It is this latter service that is unique to the Society, and potentially very valuable to the public. Most recently we have charged $45 for this service. On August 1 we increased this fee to $75.

This increase won't offset our entire verification shortfall, and is not without controversy. The increase is dramatic enough that we may seriously impact the number of *MLM's*. We need more time and history to determine the full impact. If I have badly mis-anticipated, our option will be to step back from the increase. In any case, we are sure to experience a reduction in *MLM* numbers, and this is probably not an effective long term solution. The only good long-term solution is a financial equation that matches the cost of a verification with the price of a verification.

Old Business:

1. Family Search Scanning – The initial scanning is complete. The indexing of the documents remains.

2. Preliminary Reviews, now called *Mayflower Lineage Matches* or *MLM's"*

During the first four months of 2017 we received an average of 106 *MLM's* per month. With our partnership with the New England Historic Genealogical Society and the attendant publicity, our numbers tripled in the next three months. Since then, from July of 2017 to the present, July 2019, our numbers have been:
2017 – 290/month
2018 – 271/month
2019 – 288/month

Until recently we were charging $45 for this service and this proved to be a valuable income source – and more importantly – our single best General Society source of potential new members. On August 1st we increased the fee, as explained above, to $75. We are monitoring this very closely and will report to the Board monthly on income vs. *MLM* numbers – with the issue being value of income to offset verification shortfalls vs. reduction in *MLM* numbers that could equate to reduced application numbers.

3. Lag Time Between Receipt of Application and Verification of Application: We have implemented three new application forms in the past year that are simplifying and shortening the verification time for papers using recently verified established lines, and for papers that are supplementals where the only change in the line to the original papers is within the first five generations. We also have some staffing increases in the upcoming budget to enhance our verification time.

Last, we have assigned assistant time to Darlene Gardner to deal with all of the paperwork and scheduling attendant with the verification process. These measures will all help offset or reduce verification time, but realistically, with our incoming numbers continuing the pressure trend, we will probably be at an 11 to 12 week lag time AT BEST a year from now.

CONCLUSION:
This is an extremely challenging time for our Historian's Department due to the avalanche of applications and our commitment to update technologically. Our staff remains our backbone and salvation!! To those of you who have direct contact with them, please take a moment to let them know how valuable they are to our mission, and how grateful we are for their contributions.
Respectfully submitted,

- Marjorie 'Midge' K. Hurtuk, Historian General

Report of the Counsellor General
This is the end of my fifth year as Counsellor General, and it has been my pleasure to serve you.

I have enjoyed my interaction with the Member Societies and have tried to be prompt in responding to various grievances and inquiries.

As usual, I have been looking over By-law amendments and charter questions from member societies.

I serve on the personnel committee and attend monthly meetings in person and via teleconferencing.

I also serve as Trustee of the Meetinghouse Charitable Trust.

A summary of some of the topics handled by me on behalf of the Society for the past year are as follows:

I reviewed and participated in the Konov Trust decision making regarding the probate proceedings pertaining to Trust distribution and reviewed recent accounting.

I drafted an employee release and assignment agreement.

I worked on the completion of paperwork to protect our trademark registration.

Reviewed documents regarding 2020 matters at the request of Governor General George Garmany.

Reviewed paperwork for the Dee Clements sculpture of William Bradford.

Reviewed 1099 paperwork.

Reviewed Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe letter of request.

Reviewed affiliate library agreement.

Reviewed archive report submitted by Susan Roser.

Reviewed our scholarship policy.

Reviewed Mary Chilton Winslow scholarship contract.

Reviewed what seems to be a scam with use of "pay me" with our logo.

Met with Trustees of *Mayflower* Meetinghouse to select an architect.

Completed preservation paperwork for installation of ramp.

Reviewed draft of waiver and release form.

Reviewed contract for Congress photographer.

Worked on budget with Personnel Committee.

Drafted waiver and release agreement.

Reviewed researcher's contract.

Reviewed publishing agreement.

Reviewed contract with Frost Productions.

Worked on Corn Hill location along with our Executive Director.

Reviewed Lane Press printer contract.

Conflict of interest rewording.

Reviewed Windfall Film contract.

I am also serving on the Executive Committee of the Warren Cousins and Pilgrim John Howard Society.

I responded to miscellaneous telephone calls and emails from Member Societies not noted above.

I look forward to future service to this organization.
Respectfully submitted,

- Richard S. Gilmore, Esq., Counsellor General

The meeting recessed at 10:25 a.m. for a 20-minute break. The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Report of Member-at-Large, Lisa H. Pennington
I've enjoyed working for members of GSMD this last year. I've summarized the actions I've undertaken for GSMD below.

I. Member-at-Large Updates.
I prepared several Member-at-Large updates and email memoranda to inform and assist the DGGs, AGs and Governors over the last year.

II. Trustee on the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Board.
I've been honored to serve as a Trustee on the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse Board, the non-profit organization responsible for the First Parish Church. Lea and Ron Filson have been invaluable in every phase and aspect of this incredible project. The Board met three times to make decisions about the building's maintenance and use. The Board selected museum designers and preservationists to complete the interior renovations and develop the education center. The Meetinghouse will be one of our generation's greatest contributions to educating the public about the Pilgrims' role in creating America.

III. New "Finding Your Ancestors" Lectures at the Mayflower House
Peggy Baker approached me with an idea about expressing GSMD's gratitude to the town of Plymouth for their $2.6M contribution to the Meetinghouse. Peggy suggested that we should present genealogy lectures to Plymouth residents. It was a great idea. I also thought that recording the lectures and posting them on GSMD's website would provide GSMD with a great member-benefit which might incentivize members to renew their memberships. The EC agreed, so we initiated a series of six public genealogical lectures at the Mayflower House on the third Thursday of each month from May through October 2019.

The resulting lecture series, "Finding Your Ancestors," focused on *non-Mayflower* genealogy and is free and open to the public. GSMD has conducted four lectures thus far. We have two more to go. All lectures have been well-attended and well received.

GSMD's staff has recorded the lectures and intends to put them under the Members-Only tab of the Mayflower Society website so all members may listen to them. Topics this year included Irish, French, Scottish and Wampanoag genealogy. We covered use of DNA and application of the Genealogical Proof Standard to prove individuals' ancestry. We look forward to another season of lectures next year! If you have some ideas or speakers to suggest for next season, please let me know.

IV. Presentations to the Public

An important part of GSMD's mission is to educate members and the public about the Pilgrims' lives, history and contributions to American society. I made historical and genealogical presentations at the Massachusetts Historical Society on July 2 ("Isaac Allerton: Mayflower, Magistrate and Merchant"), the Marshfield Historical Society ("Women's Work: Pilgrim Women and the Beginning of the New England Dairy Industry"), GSMD Mayflower House and the Texas Mayflower Society ("Solving Family Mysteries with DNA"). I look forward to giving more presentations during the 2019-2020 year.

V. Using the Mayflower House to raise revenue for GSMD

The Mayflower House can serve GSMD as a place to host events and raise funds. I am working with ED Susan Belekewicz to develop events at the Mayflower House to increase revenue for the Society. Ideas for events include a Murder Mystery dinner and a High Tea in the Mayflower House gardens. Our goal is to eventually raise $50,000 a year from these events in order to pay for the Mayflower House's repair and maintenance, as well as docent tours of the house. Recent developments have included the air-conditioning of the Mayflower House and reliable access to Wi-Fi for GSMD members and guests.

VI. Developing educational programs for the Member Societies

Jane Schleinzer reported that we all have been getting requests from organizations to speak about the *Mayflower* anniversary. Jane asked FGG Lea Filson and me to work with her to develop written speeches and PowerPoints for members to present to their Member Societies, schools or other organizations about 2020, the Meetinghouse and the Pilgrims.

VII. Kindling the Eternal Flame in front of the Bradford Statue on the Plymouth Waterfront

I participate in a GSMD committee which has been set up to find a way to install the "eternal flame" for the William Bradford statue. Kudos to FGG Lea Filson, who appears to have cracked the code enabling GSMD to get a permit so we can light the flame!

VIII. Defending GSMD in a lawsuit filed in Plymouth Superior Court

Governor General Garmany asked me to serve as GSMD's corporate representative in defense of a lawsuit filed last December against GSMD and three of our EC members. A disgruntled member of the Florida, Massachusetts and New Jersey societies, as well as an attorney, Charles Morgan, sued GSMD pro se. He filed what is called a derivative suit, claiming that he represented all GSMD members.

Mr. Morgan's complaint sought "declaratory relief, injunctive relief, damages for breach of fiduciary duty, and appointment of a special master to oversee compliance of the *General Society of Mayflower Descendants* with its articles of incorporation and all applicable laws."

Before he filed this lawsuit, Mr. Morgan served the Florida Society of Mayflower Descendants for three months as Counselor. He had been appointed to fill the unexpired term of the previous Counsellor who had died in office. After Mr. Morgan insisted on taking actions that the Florida Society's Board of Assistants deemed neither wise nor warranted, the Florida Society's Board voted unanimously to remove him from office. Mr. Morgan then resigned from the Florida Society and turned his attention to GSMD and began demanding changes in GSMD's Charter, bylaws, elections and general proceedings.

Morgan's complaint alleged that our 1923 Charter prohibited GSMD from holding assets in excess of $100,000. He contended that, as a result, all actions taken by the EC for the last several decades were illegal, and that we could not hold any property, such as the Mayflower House or the Meetinghouse, or any money, such as our Endowment funds, in excess of $100,000.

After researching Massachusetts law, I found a 1971 statute, Section 6 of Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which invalidated all non-profit asset caps as a matter of law. I brought

this controlling Massachusetts statute to our attorney's attention, and he brought it to the Superior Judge's attention during a response to Mr. Morgan's arguments.

Once confronted with the adverse, controlling law that he had never voluntarily disclosed to the Plymouth Superior Court, Morgan conceded that he was wrong, but he insisted upon continuing the litigation.

Morgan has three remaining claims. First, he asserted that GSMD's Minutes, supposedly taken in 1923 when the Charter was drafted, are being illegally held by the New York Mayflower Society. The New York Society's leadership is prepared to sign a sworn affidavit that they do not possess any such documents, that to their knowledge, they never existed, and if they did, they were either lost or destroyed. We maintain that all known and existing Mayflower Society Charters, bylaws and minutes are located at our Plymouth headquarters.

Morgan's second claim is that our Archives review policy is unreasonable under Massachusetts law because a member must work with our Executive Director to find a mutually agreeable date to review documents. He has already been to our offices and reviewed our documents. He requested to review documents for three consecutive days for twelve hours each day. I was present during the document production, and he was given every document he requested which we possessed. He stayed for about three hours of one day. We believe the policy is reasonable under Massachusetts law because arranging a mutually agreeable day is reasonable and necessary.

Third, Morgan seeks to require the GSMD to amend its Charter to add language he prefers. He alleges that GSMD must conduct a vote of all 30,000+ of our members and obtain at least 20,000 individual affirmative votes from our members (2/3) to approve amendments drafted by him.

We maintain that GSMD is not legally required to amend the Charter since the old asset cap is void as a matter of law. We have no plans to amend the Charter. Moreover, we think the voting system he envisions is a misreading of Massachusetts law and would result in a time-consuming, expensive, and wasteful process which would not likely succeed in getting 20,000 individual votes (2/3 of our membership) returned.

GSMD's counsel filed a Motion to Dismiss, alleging Morgan does not have standing to bring an action on behalf of GSMD or its' membership. On August 13, 2019, the Court granted our Motion to Dismiss, and entered a judgment dismissing the case. The Court held that Morgan did not have the right to bring a derivative suit because he did not allege or prove that GSMD was the type of legal entity which could be sued in that manner. Morgan has 30 days to file a Notice of Appeal if he wishes to challenge the Court's ruling. Our counsel believes it is almost certain that Morgan will appeal.

We will ask the GBOA to vote for a motion explicitly stating that Morgan does not represent GSMD, its membership, or its interests. If the motion passes, our counsel intends to inform the Court of this vote as additional evidence that Morgan does not have standing to represent GSMD. This move will be necessary only in the event that Morgan appeals and continues the lawsuit.

It is my opinion that Morgan's claims are legally baseless and are contrary to the interests and traditions of both GSMD and its Member Societies. In my opinion, GSMD will likely prevail in this case. If GSMD succeeds, Massachusetts law permits winning defendants to file a motion to recover attorney's fees and costs expended in the defense of the suit.

We have spent over $16,000 in defense of this case. Our insurance company has spent considerably more. The Superior Court has discretion to grant some, all, or none of the relief GSMD requests. I have negotiated a 50% reduction in a bill that our first law firm sent to GSMD, and our insurance company has agreed to pay it. We should have no further legal bills on this matter.

Mr. Morgan has also tried to place an article for publication about GSMD, repeating many of the allegations made in his lawsuit. We notified the editor of the publication that the article alleged facts and law that we believed were untrue, defamatory and the subject of ongoing litigation in an effort to harm GSMD. We made the editor aware of these issues, and the editor removed the article from publication.

Finally, our director and officer ("D&O") insurance carrier, Old Republic, cancelled our insurance policy,

stating that they feared that Morgan would continue to add claims and parties and add to its costs. Old Republic, however, is required by law to defend us until this suit is concluded. We quickly replaced our D&O policy with Travelers Insurance, a national company, so the GSMD and its officers will continue to be protected.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work for GSMD over the last year. I look forward to serving the Society in 2020.

- Lisa H. Pennington, Esq, Member-at-Large

Report of Member-at-Large, Donald T. Studley

This is my 8th year as a member of our Executive Committee and I continue to be impressed by the dedication and time devoted by each member of the EC to the job of steering our Society forward. While we have expanded our administrative staff in Plymouth to better serve our members, it is our volunteer board members who continue to set all policy, make sure our staff is addressing the current needs of our members, and to strategically plan for the future direction of our Society. Both Congress and the GBOA are an integral part of that volunteer pool as envisioned in the governance structure established by our bylaws, and every three years Congress elects a 12 member Executive Committee to more closely monitor the operations of our Society on a day-to-day basis.

The EC meets four times a year and holds monthly conference calls. It has been an honor for me to participate in those meetings and offer whatever advice I can. My background is finance and I can assure you that I watch over our finances as if they were my own. The members of your executive committee are a dedicated group and they devote a tremendous amount of time to their volunteer duties.

I also serve as a trustee of the National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse. A tremendous amount of planning is going into the creation of an outstanding Pilgrim education center which will add a whole new dimension to our Society's education mission.

I thank you all for electing me to serve our Society. It has been an honor and a privilege.

- Donald T. Studley, CPA, Member-at-Large

Report of Member-at-Large, Jane Duxbury Schleinzer

This past year has been very busy. Preparing for the 400th Anniversary has topped the list. This has taken on many different forms.

MAL1 Lisa Pennington, FGG Lea Filson and I, are working on a program about our ancestors, GSMD history and the Meetinghouse. We're doing this for the Member Societies. They will be able to use this to give programs. With 2020 approaching we're getting requests from libraries, historical societies and others for programs on the *Mayflower* and her passengers. The program will be on the website before the end of October for our Member Societies to use.

Another committee which SnG Naomi Mann, MAL1 Lisa Pennington, FGG Lea Filson and I are working on, is to have the eternal flame installed on the Bradford statue. This is something the 2020 Committee had agreed was a must for the statue.

I was asked by SG Jane Hurt to have a pin created for the 2020 Congress registration bag. A proof and cost for the 2020 pin will be brought for a vote to the EC meeting on September 5th.

I've be working with Member Societies answering questions and giving them support. It's always a joy to talk to the members. I am also available to visit the Member Societies that have been assigned to me if they invite me.

This is an exciting time to be a member of the Executive Committee. I'm always ready to help you and the Society in any capacity. It's a pleasure to serve you and the GSMD. Respectfully submitted,

- Jane Duxbury Schleinzer, Member-at-Large

Report of the Elder General

Elder General Reverend Dr Thomas Pike shared a few inspiring words regarding the debate between law and grace. He spoke on how deeply committed we are as a Society.

- Rev. Dr. Thomas F. Pike Jr., Elder General

Report of the Captain General

I have been promised the names of our guides for Denver. There will be adult guides on Thursday and Friday and youth guides on Saturday for the GBOA meeting. We have the T-shirts for the youth, and I am preparing some suitable, dignified means of recognition for the adult guides. Of course these will both be all the more crucial for Congress in 2020.

I've received the list of the *Mayflower Guard* who are prepared for the flag ceremonies in Denver. We have

seven definite participants and a few more possible. The *Mayflower Guard* is also planning on a presence in the Tournament of Roses Parade©, and the Pilgrims' Progress in both Boston and Plymouth in September, in addition to flag ceremonies during Congress.

The "Dress like a Pilgrim" initiative seems to be progressing well, with people across the country visiting the "*Dress like a Pilgrim*" connection on the General Society webpage. Thanks for the publicity we have received in the *Quarterly*, too. I hope to step up the publicity even more in and after Denver. There are now videos up on our website: "Dress Like a Pilgrim" and "How to Convert Chukka Boots into Pilgrim Latchet Shoes." They can be found on the GSMD web site under News and Events Dress Like a Pilgrim. The videos on "Arms and Armor of the Pilgrims" and "How to Blacken Armor" can be found under the Committee Page on the GSMD website under the *Mayflower Guard* section. If you google "Dress Like a Pilgrim" it will direct you to the Mayflower Society site. I think that the "Dress Like a Pilgrim" and our *Mayflower Guard* site can serve as models for other committees and activities of what can be done.

Part of my duties include acting as marshal for parades of the Society, and I've been part of the preliminary planning for the processions in both Boston and Plymouth in 2020. We will also check with Provincetown to see if any of their events have plans for GSMD and Pilgrim participation.

The newest job appears to be Crowd Manager for our upcoming events. In reaction to the terrible nightclub fire in Rhode Island, Massachusetts law now requires trained crowd managers for all events with groups over 200 people. I have completed the training and am now a certified Crowd Manager for the state of Massachusetts. Jim Battles, the Captain of our *Mayflower Guard* and others have also received his certification. All of the training is in safety precautions at planned venues. We have been provided with a safety checklist to go through for all buildings. It is also required to make an announcement at events explaining emergency procedures and making clear how to safely exit if an emergency occurs.

Looking at the officer responsibilities, as Society Marshall for special events, this new job would seem to fit under the job of Captain General, more than anyone else. There will be a good team of certified Crowd Managers for our large events in 2020.

As always, it is a pleasure to be part of the Executive Board and serve as GSMD Captain General.

- Jeff Stark, Captain General

Report of the Surgeon General

It has been an exciting past year working with our dynamic Executive Committee for GSMD. So many exciting things I have been privileged to work and vote on: the Meeting House, the Statue of William Bradford and the One Candle (being a Bradford descendant I am so proud and honored they chose him), the Family Tree DNA Cooperative and our first set of DNA Guidelines, and so much more with all the preparations for 2020. It has been a busy year with great leadership under Governor General George Garmany and past Governor General Lea Filson.

I have been busy myself working on a DNA educational and presentation packet for our Member Society Surgeons to disseminate, which will be ready for distribution shortly. This packet will include: 1) power point presentation on "DNA for You" outlining the basics of DNA scientifically, genetically and genealogically 2) a 12 page document on "Interpreting Your DNA Results" utilizing some of the concepts from Family Tree DNA which we have partnered with and 3) a copy of our own GSMD Guidelines. This field is continually expanding and certainly becoming more relevant to the offices of the General and Member Society Surgeons.

My other duties have revolved around caring for the general welfare of our Society. We now have an AED and medipak on hand for emergencies in Plymouth primarily. When we have our GBOA meetings offsite, the hotels that have these readily available are utilized (like this one) which allows us the freedom from costly and cumbersome transport. I am hoping to have a table for medical reference, message board and first aid set up near the meeting room for every GBOA and Congress.

I also serve on the DNA committee but have had no recent inquiry or communication. I have referred a new prospective member to the Florida Society who descends from William White and Benjamin Franklin. I am also helping to work on seven of my own family members from the Louisiana Society. Before I finish, I would be remiss if I didn't remind everyone that the Louisiana Society is hosting its Triennial *Mayflower* Cotillion, Saturday, November 14, 2020 with a full

weekend of social and educational activities for ladies and gentlemen ages 5-25. Anyone interested please speak to ANYONE in the Louisiana delegation. As always, it is such a pleasure and an honor to work with you, by you, and for you. May God bless!

- Naomi S. Mann, MD, Surgeon General

Report of the Executive Director

I am pleased to submit my annual report to the General Board of Assistants. In this report, I would like to highlight key activities and accomplishments of this past year:

Operations

Genealogy Department

Despite record-breaking volumes of incoming membership applications, our team continues to create process-improvements to streamline verification and approval time. Improvements include: a "short four generation" application that streamlines documentation requirements; a "quick reference" process to permit the citation of recently approved papers (significant for children and grandchildren papers); a new "Silver Supplemental" application creating an easy to prepare, easy to approve application for known Silver Book connections; and a change to our internal secondary review process for select, "easier" applications. While these changes are helping, they represent only a temporary stop-gap: the long-term solution requires an investment in technology to automate application preparation and review.

As a result of these recent improvements, we are approving an average of 230 applications per month. This year, if volumes keep their record-breaking pace, we could receive in over 4,750 applications. These represent off-the-charts volumes for the Society: the application tsunami we expected is, indeed, upon us. Regrettably, since we are unable to change application fees until our next Congress, we are losing $50 per application, the operations loss being funded by existing members.

A Historian's survey was conducted this year and I am pleased to report that 37 Member Societies participated. Key findings were: Historians would most benefit from GSMD assistance in the areas of tracking status, preparing applications and research; many Historians acknowledged having more than a one year volume of applications in their queue; and the average Historian volunteers 60 hours per month working with prospective members and their applications.

In response, in addition to the improvements mentioned, the department has begun conducting a monthly "Historian Office Hours" meeting via GoToMeeting, that are recorded and available on the website for those who are unable to participate. And we are implementing a Historian's Dropbox to facilitate an electronic means of sharing applications and documents.

The camera work phase of the digitization project has been completed by Family Search and the data indexing phase is nearing completion by NEHGS. The results of the project will be unveiled in early 2020 and will provide a treasure trove of data that will dramatically change the future of *Mayflower* genealogy research.

Membership

Total Society membership grew by 677 members from 2017 to 2018: with the volume of incoming applications, we should see a significant increase in membership in 2019. This year, we will be moving to quarterly reconciliations, to simplify the year-end member reconciliation. Additionally, we are implementing a National Death Registry Service to assist Member Societies in the difficult task of identifying deceased members. And a new Membership Brochure was created to capitalize on the enthusiasm of our upcoming 400th Anniversary: copies are provided at this meeting.

Sales

Our new sales manager, Sylvie Carlson, coupled with our new Insignia Chair and Member-at-Large, Jane Schleinzer, have become the dynamic duo of Mayflower Society Sales. They continue to roll-out great new and creative products for our members: sales results are off the charts. Gross sales increased 13.64% year over year, or $40,250+. Thank you to Jane and Sylvie and to all of our members who are enthusiastically buying our new products!

Publications

With the discontinuation of the *Mayflower Journal*, the team has been working closely with editor, AGG Susan Roser to evolve the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* into a robust publication with articles of interest to both our general membership and those who are genealogy enthusiasts. We continue our efforts to upgrade the magazine as it is considered a key member benefit.

This June, the printer we have used for many years to produce the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*

closed its doors. As a result, a new printer search was conducted and Lane Press of Vermont was hired. The fall MQM will be the first issue produced by Lane Press.

2018-2019 was a bonanza for our Silver Book publications. Three new books were published: Billington Part 3; Brewster Part 2; and Rogers Part 2. And we have three new books scheduled for publishing this fall. Additionally, we are working with FGG Swan, the *Silver Books* Committee Chair, to execute formalized publishing contracts with our *Silver Book* authors/researchers.

Finance

Due to the Society's financial constraints, finance has been a major area of focus throughout the year. It is virtually impossible to effectively manage a business of the Society's scope and complexity with financial business decisions only being able to be made once every three years: this constraint must be changed if we hope to be a vibrant and thriving organization in the future.

On a monthly basis, key budget indicators are reviewed. The planning and analysis work completed for the current year's budget was a six+ month process: we had to carefully project anticipated expenses and revenues, while incorporating projections for the extraordinary expenses of our 2020 commemoration. Because of insufficient funds, we were forced to make some decisions that were not compatible with our goals.

Many vendor reviews were completed this year resulting in the hiring of new providers:

- We completed a review of six local area banks and retained Rockland Trust as our new bank: accounts were converted in May, 2019;
- A search was conducted and our new auditor, G.T. Reilly was retained;
- Curley Direct of Hyannis, MA was hired as our new mail house vendor and successfully administered our 2018 annual appeal;
- We converted to a new payroll system, BizChecks on July 1st. We now offer staff on-line access to their benefit and compensation records and we will be transitioning this fall to an on-line timecard system.

The FY 2018-2019 Audit has been completed with favorable results and no management findings.

Facilities & Grounds – Capital Improvements

Significant reinvestment was made to the Mayflower Society property through capital improvements this year:

- After three meetings with the Plymouth Historic District Commission, the library roof was replaced with shingles that match the other two buildings on the grounds, securing the building from further water damage;
- The plans to build a Handicap Ramp on the garden side of the Mayflower Society House were also approved by the Historic District Commission, but our efforts to secure a grant to fund the project have been unsuccessful to date;
- A new dehumidifying system was installed in the basement of the Mayflower Society House;
- A mini-split air conditioning and heating unit has been installed in the Solarium of the house which will permit year-round use, expanding our schedule for lectures and other events, including rentals;
- To improve security, exterior lights have been upgraded throughout the property, and updated sensors have been installed in the house.

And, also, as a part of this reinvestment, current projects in process include:

- The library's HVAC system is undergoing a significant upgrade;
- To complete the security improvement initiative, new surveillance cameras are being installed, including a special camera to capture license plates entering the driveway;
- A contract has been secured for the Mayflower Society House to be painted beginning this fall. The painting job will include the mitigation of lead paint. It will also include a variety of carpentry repairs including the historic renovation of the oceanside porch railing. Because painting is temperature dependent, if the painters are unable to complete the project before the weather turns this fall, ours will be the first project they compete in the spring;
- And, finally, a proposal is under consideration to wallpaper the house's Member's Lounge

and apartment in William Morris period wallpaper prints.

Corn Hill

One would think that a simple landscape improvement job on a 50' x 50' square piece of property in Truro would be easily achieved. Unfortunately, that is not the case with our historic property. After several months of discussions with the local technical high school's landscaping department, a teacher was seriously injured in an accident and the school could not commit to the work. Finally, a budding eagle scout candidate and his troop were identified and stepped forward, eager to assist us. The troop leader required the completion of a land survey before the scout's project could be approved. Many months of research later, we have learned that the Corn Hill marker was moved in 1980 from its original placement and the deed was never legally modified to reflect the change. According to the original deed, the 50'x50' plot was to be paced out from the corners of the marker. We are now in the final stages of affecting a "land swap" with the current owner so that legal paperwork may be properly registered with Barnstable County. If it is too late for the eagle scout candidate to complete his project, an alternative group to perform the clean-up and landscaping will be secured. But all of our members rest assured, the property will be beautiful in time for 2020!

Fundraising and Major Gifts

This year's annual appeal was highly successful – we raised $26,184 more than the prior year, representing a 22.52% increase in funding. Any nonprofit would be proud of such results. We are so grateful to our members for their generous support of the Society! And these results do not include the outpouring of support for the Mayflower Meetinghouse: since fundraising began for the Meetinghouse, excluding grants, we have raised $581,864, the majority raised directly from donations by our individual members and Member Societies! These represent historic fundraising results for the Society! Thanks to all for your tremendous support of the Society and of this most important project.

A major gift was received from Diane Stevenson Stone and her husband, Tom, to establish the Mary Chilton Winslow Scholarship Fund. Their donation included the reproduction rights to Diane's beautiful poster, "Stand Firm", that GSMD is selling through its website and gift shop: all proceeds from poster sales benefit the Winslow Scholarship Fund. We are grateful to the Stones for their contributions that will ensure the Society's scholarship work continues into the future.

This year, we received a significant donation of a body of work of Michael Haywood, the well-known U.K. painter of the *Mayflower Voyage*. Mike's images have been featured on the covers of many significant books about the *Mayflower Voyage* over the years. Mike donated eight of his paintings as well as the lithographs of his works. And he recently donated a charcoal drawing, *The Dogs of the Mayflower*.

Additionally, we received donations of two historic art paintings by Pamela Patrick White depicting the James Chilton story, The *Attack in Leiden*, as well a depiction of a Pilgrim and Wampanoag meeting, *Welcome Englishmen*. The oil paintings were donated by James Battles and the Maryland Society, respectively, and include the reproduction rights. The Society will be making high-quality reproductions available for sale.

Personnel

This year, three members of our staff chose to leave the Mayflower Society: Georgi Hess, Tina Scott and Christopher Lee have all pursued other career opportunities.

We have also added to the staff this year:

- Allison Arnold joined us in November as an Applications Assistant;
- Erin Darling joined us In January as a Communications Coordinator;
- Michael Proctor joined in April as an Applications Verifier;
- Tiffany Walters joined In June as a Staff Accountant;
- And, Emily Brockway joined us in August as a Membership Services Manager.

Also, this year, we recruited a new group of docents in anticipation of conducting tours seven days a week at the Mayflower Society House and Mayflower Meetinghouse in 2020. Twelve new docents were recruited and have been learning their scripts and conducting tours this summer. As a part of the recruitment process, we created an internship program with Bridgewater State University and Curry College to recruit college students as docent interns.

We welcome all these new additions to the team and the talent they bring to the Society!

2020 Congress

It is a very special career opportunity to be able to participate in planning a week of events that will create memories for our members and, in fact, history for our Society. The 400th Anniversary Commemoration during 2020 Congress Week is going to be an extraordinary moment in time. I am both awed by this opportunity and sobered by the significance of the responsibility.

This year, working closely with SG Hurt and the Meeting & Events Committee, we have been securing vendors and planning the details for 2020 Congress events that will span from Provincetown to Boston and Plymouth. Logistics include: vetting hotel accommodations across the region; hiring ferries, buses and shuttle buses that will all be involved in moving the large number of attendees expected; identifying parking facilities for those travelling daily to Plymouth; caterers, lunch food trucks and more. And our team has learned more about porta-potty services than one would ever hope to know!

For 2020 Congress, we will have a new registration vendor assisting us with on-line registration, automation of reservations reporting and secured badge access to events. We have hired a private security consultant to ensure that all reasonable precautions are taken for our members to enjoy a safe and memorable experience. Congress events will be held in Memorial Hall instead of the Hotel 1620, in order to accommodate the large number of delegates and members expected to attend. And the final event, the 400th anniversary gala, is going to be an exceptional evening for all who attend.

Mayflower Meetinghouse

Early in the year, we supported FGG Filson in conducting Open Houses at the Meetinghouse for Plymouth Town Meeting Members: we wanted the Town Meeting Members to see for themselves the state of its disrepair and the urgent need for restoration funding. We were so very fortunate to receive the CPC Grant from the Town for this project. We also worked with our Insurance Agent to review the insurance needs of the building and obtained replacement estimates so that a special binder could be added to the Trust's policy to insure the building's beautiful stained-glass windows.

Thanks to the wonderful fundraising results for the Meetinghouse, we were able to take over operational responsibilities for the Meetinghouse from the First Parish Church on March 1st, 2019, a full-year sooner than anticipated. And we worked with our Fundraising Registration Service, Affinity, to resolve questions surrounding the legal structure of the Meetinghouse and GSMD to fulfill state fundraising filing requirements.

During Heritage Week in Washington, D.C., FGG Filson and I had the opportunity to tour the *Be Washington* and 4-D theater experiences offered at Mount Vernon: it was wonderful to see first-hand the powerful storytelling tools that exist as we begin to plan how the Meetinghouse may tell the *Mayflower* Story.

Community Relations

Now more than ever, being a good partner to the Plymouth Community and as an active participant is an important area of focus. We are engaging in community events, whenever possible. Our signature event, *Pirates Ashore*, is becoming an increasingly popular and anticipated family event. For the second year in a row, the Mayflower Society House has participated in "Arts Week," a state-wide arts initiative, and "Porchfest," the arts and music component of the Plymouth Waterfront Festival. Last year, for the first time, a Mayflower Society House replica was a float in the America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade, demonstrating our support for a long-time Plymouth tradition. And we worked with Destination Plymouth who hosted us to present "The Descendants are Coming! The Descendants are Coming!", a presentation to local area merchants, hoteliers and restauranteurs about GSMD's plans for Congress Week and the business opportunities our members bring to Plymouth. And many thanks to Member-at-Large Pennington for planning the Genealogical Lecture Series that was hosted by the Mayflower Society House for the community this season.

As you can see, it has been quite a year – I am sincerely grateful for the continuing opportunity to serve as your Executive Director and be part of this most formative time in the Society's history. I want to thank each and every one of our member-volunteers for all that you do to support the Society: you are the glue that holds this all together. I would not have anything to report were it not for the talented team of professionals that I work with in Plymouth. And my

sincere thanks to the Executive Committee for your guidance, direction and support – without which none of this would be possible.
Respectfully submitted,

- Susan T. Belekewicz, Executive Director

Report of the Former Governor General
I think it would be an understatement for me to tell you that my life is now 'all things Plymouth.' As 2020 counts down, we all have much to do to get ready and I am in warp speed at this point.

Publicity
News Releases: 3 Meetinghouse releases

- Meetinghouse Transfer (Dec. 7, 2018)
- Banner Release (Feb. 20, 2019)
- Sole Owner (Mar. 25, 2019)

1 2020 Provincetown release (Sept 28, 2018)
5 Lectures

- Lectures Announcement Release (Apr 10, 2019)
- Baker Follow up
- Pennington Follow up
- Lee Follow up
- Coombs Follow up
- Brophy not yet sent

Crafted NYT Statement

Negotiated licensing for documentary photos

Responded to Reader's Digest Thanksgiving Article

New Job – Director of Tourism for Plymouth and Plymouth County

Visitor Centers (Route 3, Exit 5 and Waterfront)

Board member P400

Board member Chamber

P400 Marketing Committee

P400 Transportation Committee

Trip to Leiden in two weeks for Leiden400 Launch

State Rep Muratore's 'Beyond 2020' Committee

New England Governor's Meeting

Waterfront Festival

Mayflower Society House Event

Plimoth Plantation Event

Meetinghouse Revere Bell

Contributions to melted bell

Bell purchase opportunities

Speech on day of ringing

- Lea Sinclair Filson, Former Governor General

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:06 p.m.
The meeting reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Awards
Will my two committee members please come forward with their smiling faces to assist me with the presentation of these award certificates. Would the Governor General also like to join us? *Chances for Recognition* has been a great venue for all Member Societies to recognize publicly, nationwide their members for outstanding service, and presenting the certificates and accompanying pins is a unique privilege.

Certificates of Commendation and Appreciation are for extensive volunteer service with significant direct benefits to the Society of Mayflower Descendants and its 53 associated Member Societies, as stated in its Constitution. The scope of their contributions is extensive, combining their Member Society service with their General Society service.

There are recipients who are not present today – will someone from these societies please come forward now. Arizona; Oregon; Indiana; Florida; New Mexico; West Virginia; Washington and Ohio. Only the citation on their certificates will be read; the full citation will appear in the *Mayflower Quarterly Magazine*.

Arizona
Governor Matthew Harrison of the Arizona Society presents **Maura Mackowski** for recognition of her dedicated, faithful service as Historian. Because of

the growth of inquiries, she spearheaded a program to train others in the process to allow a smooth transition as she retired from the Historian's position.

Oregon

The Oregon Society takes pleasure in nominating retiring Historian, **Joan Hunter**, a certified genealogist who stepped up at a crucial time to assist in the application process. The Society has seen a healthy increase in membership with her efficient preparation of the necessary documentation presented to the General Society for final approval.

Indiana

Presented today by Linda McGlothlin of the Indiana Society, is **Laura Stocker**, for her leadership as Governor; for her planning of the 2016 GBOA in Indiana; most especially for her drive to obtain the 501 [c][3] status; and for her continued support.

Florida

Clara Waterman Powell is nominated by James W. Preston, Governor, for her service to the William Brewster Colony as Governor and the Junior Chair for the Florida Society. She has redesigned the program, the certificate, and the tracking; she has been untiring in her duties, and always a joy to work with.

New Mexico

Janet Cosgrove, Governor of the New Mexico Society heartily approves **Carl Malone** for recognition, its Historian. For many years, Carl has gone above and beyond, wearing many hats, as Treasurer, as program speaker, as volunteer genealogist at the local historical society and as digitizer of all New Mexico's records. Governor Janet Cosgrove is delighted to recognize Carl for his many contributions to the New Mexico Society.

West Virginia

Vickie Baker, West Virginia Historian presents **Brian Shaffer** for recognition and commendation for his many years of holding multiple offices of Governor, Secretary, AG and DGG to keep the West Virginia Society alive. He attended the General Society meetings, showing his dedication to make sure his Society did not lose its charter. Brian is owed a great deal of gratitude for his many years of service.

Washington

Governor of the Washington Mayflower Society, Bruce D. Harrington, nominates for recognition, Historian **Jerri Kay McCoy.** She has gone above and beyond aiding applicants with her genealogical knowledge, and since 2013 has processed 250 new applications and 82 supplementals. Presently she is assisting some 225 potential members in the rush to be members by 2020. She keeps us "sailing ahead"!!

Ohio

Ohio's Governor, Sandra St. Martin, presents **Dr. Donald Nichols** for appreciation and commendation for his long service as Governor. In the past five years, he has continued to promote the society through his articles in its newsletter *The Buckeye Mayflower,* and to lead the Memorial Service in the absence of the Elder. Currently the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, he continues to serve Ohio Mayflower.

These honorees are present, will representatives from North Carolina, Maine, Vermont, Nebraska, and Kansas please come forward now to assist in these presentations? As I call the names of the recipients please step right up?

North Carolina

Nominated by Martha Ward, the North Carolina Society's AG, **Cheryl Vislay** stepped into the Assistant State Historian's position to help long-time Historian Frank Horton, enabling a smooth transition as he retired. On the Membership Committee, she keeps a healthy Member Society as she advances its numbers.

Maine

Maine Governor Carla Rigby nominates **Ellen Newton**, its Historian for her diligent work dealing personally with prospective members in outlying Maine communities. She has done an exemplary job bringing in many new members.

Vermont

The Vermont Society's Governor Ann Gray, presents for recognition **Randy Roberts** for "above and beyond." The year following his application approval, he became Treasurer, and since has continuously served as an officer up to Governor from 2015-2017, and now as its Historian. He has combined this with service on the Nominating and Finance Committees, the New England Governors' meetings, and serving the General Society as Vermont's AG and DGG. Randy is a vital member; the to-to person when something is needed, and he is always there to lend his support.

Nebraska

Gretchen Harvey, DGG & Past Governor has nominated **Martin W Beerman,** Governor, for all he has done as a most active member of the Nebraska Society. As Past Historian, he was responsible for a

record number of new applications being processes; he has launched its website; and maintains the membership database. The Nebraska Society recognizes him for his dedication.

Kansas

Kansas Mayflower's Governor, Della Regenold nominates its Historian, **Walter Murphy** for his outstanding work with applicants to complete their applications. Along with his Kansas work, he has been serving as Co-Historian for the New York Mayflower Society, and attending genealogy conferences and workshops. His contributions to growing the Kansas Society have been invaluable as membership is the Life Blood of all societies. He is also serving the General Society as Acting AG here in Denver.

This presentation is the first time we were asked to honor a member for her service to a specific committee, I would like to ask Muriel Curtis Cushing, Author of the *Patriot to Passenger Project* to come forward, as well as a member of the South Carolina Society to receive this commendation. Muriel is delighted to make this presentation to **Josphine Alice O'ryan** who volunteered to edit this project, and has been steadily reviewing the tedious job of spelling, punctuation, etc. for accuracy. Her service has been invaluable.

Governor Generals Distinguished Service Award, 2019

Last year's award was given to Ginny Mucciaccio of Massachusetts for her extensive and devoted service to the Society. This year's award is presented in recognition of a different style of distinguished service. Here in the West there are places where it is a real challenge to keep Member Societies active and engaged. Today we recognize that kind of activity in addition to years of devoted service to GSMD. You should also know that here in the West, one also needs a pardner to do it right. Note that I didn't say "partner" – that's a Massachusetts word. Here in the West we call them "pardners," and today's awardees are true pardners, committed in service to both the South Dakota Mayflower Society and the General Society. The 2019 Governor General's Distinguished Service Award is presented to **Carter and Sharon Wiese** of the South Dakota Society. They have been vital members in their own Society, long-term participants in the activities and events of the General Society, and friends to everyone they have met. They even performed a complete inventory of the contents of the Mayflower House a few years ago – a Herculean task!

Ladies and Gentlemen, please join me in congratulating Carter and Sharon Wiese, recipients of the 2019 Governor General's Distinguished Service Award!

- George P. Garmany Jr., MD, Governor General

As you can see there are many areas of service - so varied it would fill volumes, and their dedication is commendable. We salute you! Would all previous recipients please stand to be recognized? They deserve your applause. Thank you Governor General, it has been a privilege to serve, and an honor to be part of recognizing *Mayflowers* who have gone above and beyond in their service to our beloved Society.

- Virginia A. Mucciaccio, Chair
- Jane Riddell Hurt, Jane D. Schleinzer

Historic Sites

The GSMD Historic Sites Committee is proud to report that the Duxbury 2020 Historic Archaeology Award and a certificate from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in recognition of the Pilgrim Henry Samson Kindred was presented to the Kindred 27 April 2019.

Monty Healy, a member of the PHSK, did extensive research on the Samson land grant which helped the Duxbury 2020 Committee to triangulate the spot where the house stood.

The final report of the archaeology completed by Duxbury 2020 and its agent, Plymouth Archaeological Rediscovery Project on the site of Pilgrim Henry Samson's original homesite in Duxbury is very large and will be kept in the files of the GSMD Historic Sites.

It is with sadness, that the report of the destruction of the remaining Duxburrow Path behind the site of the Henry Samson home has been complete. It was the major/only thoroughfare in town for the earliest settlers. It was originally cut before the Pilgrims even arrived by the local Wampanoag tribes, probably up to 500 years ago. Almost all of the land is on the Samson Tract.

It has been my pleasure to work with Plymouth Travel for our tours since 2007. The GSMD Historic Sites Committee has worked with them for five tours. They are no longer doing group tours much to our regret.

- Barbara L. Williams, Chair Historic Sites

Insignia

I would like to thank the Governor General for allowing me a few more minutes than my allotted time for this report.

Being Insignia Chairman is a big job. I'm lucky to have Sylvie Carlson as our Sales Manager and Jessica Schleinzer on the committee. I couldn't do this job without either of these ladies. A big thank you goes to both of them.

Last year's budget was raised by $3,600 just for insignia. We not only met that, but we sold $7,000 over the budget. Now this is a good thing since we have such a shortfall with the applications. This extra money is helping to pay our bills.

My reward for being over budget was another raise for this year. Yes, my gross sales budget has been raised by $12,500 this year. I want to sell even more over the budget than we did last year. I'm going to need your help with this. If you're on the fence about buying something, get off the fence and buy it.

Sylvie and I are working on getting many new items created to be put in the shop. We have four items with us that are making their debut here just for you.

I've been working with the Member Societies and their members answering a wide range of questions about insignia and merchandise. The Protocol Guidelines have been updated. They are located on the opening page of the Shop on the website. Feel free to call or email me with any of your questions.

New merchandise is getting closer to being put into production. We should have a large assortment of new merchandise for Christmas. Be sure to shop, shop, shop with us.

It's a pleasure to serve you and the GSMD.

- Jane Duxbury Schleinzer,
Member-at-Large, Insignia Chairman

Junior Membership

The GSMD Junior Committee has been trying to increase communication among all the Member Society Junior Committee Chairs. Many Societies are doing wonderful things with their Juniors and the GSMD Committee would like every Society to be able to access these activities. All the new ideas, projects and/or events will also increase the relationships between the Junior Chairs and the Juniors in their Society.

Beth Anderson Godfrey has continued to send sample Junior Newsletters twice a year to all Junior Chairs. The Chairs are welcome to use the letters in their entirety or in part for their own communications. The topics for 2019 were the relationship between the early Pilgrims and the Indians, and the weather from the *Mayflower* arrival in 1620 through the hurricane of 1635. The topic for the Fall Newsletter will be Thanksgiving, and will include articles, recipes and games.

We were sorry to receive the resignation of Joan Carol Reed Miller as administrator of the GSMD Junior Web Site. She was replaced by Beth Lambright of Oregon who will continue to post articles of interest to Junior Chairs. We would invite everyone to join this site and to share information with us.

In 2017, the Junior Committee was able to publish a handbook for all Member Society Junior Chairs. We were able to reduce 250 pages to just 18 of the most important information. During the last year Peggy Marsh of Texas has gone through the remaining material, added new materials, selected the best stories, activities, games and recipes, and loaded them on a thumb drive. She will be present in Denver and will have a hard copy and a thumb drive of the material. Both will be available to all Junior Chairs.

I have updated our Junior Chair list in 2019 by calling each Chair and discussing current information.

Cynthia Tinney, Junior Membership Chairman

Mayflower DNA Project

Our partnership with Family Tree DNA has been successful. Following is information from Mike Terry on direct male lineages to the Pilgrim fathers.

This is a listing of 18 male passengers of the *Mayflower* 1620 voyage known to have male descendants. In each grouping there is at least one or more tester in the group who is a certified GSMD member. The two exceptions are Richard Warren and Edward Fuller.

Family Tree DNA will assign a *Mayflower* badge to anyone in a yDNA subgroup who shares the surname and is at least a 67/63 marker match (no more than four mutations).

Several male individuals have done advanced SNP testing which is more reliable in determining closeness of a relationship than STR testing (yDNA

Passenger	Haplogroup
Alden, John	R-M269
Billington, John	R-M269
Bradford, William	I-M253
Brewster, William	I-M253
Cooke, Francis	I-FGC15106
Doty, Edward	R-FT78842
Eaton, Francis	R-M269
Fuller, Edward	R-FT14518
Fuller, Samuel	R-U106
Hopkins, Stephen	R-L48
Howland, John	R-A9703
Rogers, Thomas	R-M269
Samson, Henry	I-M223
Soule, George	I-BY32573
Standish, Myles	I-M170
Warren, Richard	E-M35
White, William	R-M269
Winslow, Edward	I-CTS8647

37, 67, 111 markers). We should encourage male members in the different subgroups to do more advanced SNP testing.

We are continuing to gather information on member autosomal tests and encourage members to share their pedigrees in the *Mayflower* DNA project to aide in development of a DNA tree.

On the female side because name changes and triangulation are involved, we have direct lineages to fewer of them. Those we have identified so far by Susan Abanor are:

Elizabeth (Walker) Warren - Haplogroup - Hij
Hester (Mahieu) Cooke - J1c2
Joan (Hurst) Tilley - H1a1
Judith (Vassal) White - H6a1b2a
Mary Chilton - T2b
Mary (Norris) Allerton - W5a2
Mary (Kent?) Hopkins - V
Priscilla (Mullins) Alden - H6a1a9

Not included but being researched:
Elizabeth (Fisher?) Hopkins - H27

Haplogroups not known:

Mary (?) Browne
Christian (Hunt) More
Faith (Clark) Doty
Ann (Plumber) Samson
Mary(?) Brewster
Mary (Beckett) Soule
Alice (Richards) William Bradford Jr.
Katherine (Weldon) Hopkins

We owe a great deal of gratitude to both Mike Terry and Susan Abanor who tirelessly spend thousands of hours working on this. They continue to serve as our Administrators for the FTDNA Project as volunteers. Please thank them when you get the chance.

It is important that we complete the direct lineage searches for a number of reasons:

- To solve longstanding lineage questions that cannot be solved through documentation due to fires, lost papers, etc.
- To remain the 'gold standard' in genealogy research
- To stay on top of changes in the DNA field so that our genealogy research remains accurate and up to date
- To provide new information to help solve questions of open and closed lines

To join the FTDNA *Mayflower* Project, we would advise getting DNA tested at FTDNA, Ancestry.com, or 23&me.com. You can upload your results to the FTNDA project from any of these.

If you have an electronic version of your family tree, if you upload that to GedCom, a universal software that all genealogist researchers use, Mike and Susan can often check results and solve questions by looking at your documented trees.

GSMD has grown and successfully continued its reputation as a genealogy leader. By staying on top of the continuing changes in the DNA world, we will continue to lead.

Lea Sinclair Filson, Former Governor General

Mayflower Guard

The *Mayflower Guard* was created at the 41st Congress of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in September 2017 as a committee of the GSMD. The guard serves as a ceremonial color guard and living history unit for the Society. Members of the Guard dress in period appropriate apparel and are equipped as were *Mayflower* passengers who formed the militia of the Pilgrims in 1620-1621. The Guard visibly promotes the education

and understanding of the Pilgrims through their historically correct arms, armor and apparel.

During the past year the Guard has grown to nearly 20 members both men and women representing 10 different Member Societies. The Guard performed its first color ceremony at the 2018 GBOA meeting and will be doing the opening and closing ceremonies at the 2019 GBOA meeting in Denver.

The Guard has published several resources that are posted on the GSMD website under the committee section of the website. These resources included a handbook and operations manual, a procurement guide for the arms and armor and informational videos. The videos include *How to Blacken Armor, How to Convert Chukka Boots into Pilgrim Latchet Shoes,* and *The Arms and Armor of the Pilgrims.*

The Guard also supports the *Dress Like a Pilgrim* initiative to help members get ready for 2020 by acquiring *Pilgrim Appropriate Attire.* A procurement guide has been prepared for Society membership and is posted on the GSMD web site under the events section of the site. The site also contains informational videos on *Dressing Like a Pilgrim.*

During this past year the Commander of the *Mayflower Guard,* James Battles, has given presentations on *Rembrandt and the Arms and Armor of the Pilgrims* for the Michigan Society, the Oklahoma Society, and virtually for the Alabama Society. Members of the Guard are also willing to make presentations about the Arms and Armor of the Pilgrims. This past May, Commander Battles represented the *Mayflower Guard* by participating in Pirates Ashore in Plymouth.

The Guard will be participating in the events for 2020, including the following:

- January 1, 2020 Members of the Guard will be participating Rose Parade in Pasadena, California
- September 13, 2020 *Mayflower Compact* Re-enactment Ceremony in Provincetown Harbor
- September 14, 2020 the Official State House Salute to the 400th Commemoration
- September 16, 2020 the Guard will lead the Pilgrim Progress from the Mayflower Society House to Cole's Hill, to the Town Square for Opening Ceremonies.

The *Mayflower Guard* has been asked to serve as crowd control mangers for 2020 events hosted by GSMD. Members will be seeking Massachusetts Crowd Management certification from the state of Massachusetts in order to fulfill this vital role.

Two Member Societies have created their own *Mayflower Guard* Units. Both Maryland and Texas have created units and several other Societies are considering creating units as well. We encourage all Member Societies to consider having a *Mayflower Guard* unit of their own.

We invite all members of the GSMD who wish to make our Pilgrim heritage come alive to join the Mayflower Guard.

- James B. Battles, Capt. USN (ret)
MD DGG, Commander Mayflower Guard

Mayflower Quarterly Magazine Editor

Like our Society, the *Quarterly* is always changing and moving forward. It began as a "bulletin" in 1935, with four pages. When I accepted the editorship in 2015, my first issue, in the spring of 2016 contained 14 pages and a new 8 ½ x 11 color, format. Each year since, I have endeavoured to increase it, just a little at a time.

In this, my fifth year, we are up to 38 pages, with a heavier stock cover. In the spring of this year we began including historical and genealogical articles along with society news.

The fall issue was hampered somewhat with Christina Scott's leaving in May and the retirement of our printer on June 30, which we learned on June 28. Both problems necessitated the search for a new printer, and a design company to help with the work that Tina did with design and layout. We had some challenges and hope to have things working smoothly for the winter issue. I will be in Plymouth in October and plan to meet with our design company.

I have been providing guidance to Erin Darling who was hired this past spring as Tina's Assistant. Erin is also learning the nuances of our Society when it comes to print and she has been a great help with the fall issue.

2020 is fast approaching and this will be reflected in the upcoming 2020 issues. We will be including full information on the plans for *Congress 2020 and the 400th Anniversary,* as well as the plans being held by the towns of Plymouth, Boston and Provincetown.

The theme for the Quarterly next year – 2020 of course! Therefore I ask our Member Societies, when sending your Society news in 2020, a requirement will be to include the plans you have for 2020.

I also have a request to those who attend the 2020 activities next year. Please keep the *Quarterly* in mind when you are taking pictures at the different events. We are planning a 2020 Commemorative book which will be available for purchase in 2021, and we will need pictures of all of the many events. And, please send the accounts and pictures of families who attend, your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and let us know what they enjoyed the most. Families are what we are all about, so let's make sure this book reflects that.

My thanks go to our Editorial Committee for their assistance – Jim Baker, Dale Cook, Beth Godfrey, Ruth Lucchesi and Erin Darling.

Lastly, after the winter 2020 issue, and the 2021 commemorative issue are completed, I will be stepping down as editor.

Susan E. Roser, Assistant Governor General
Mayflower Quarterly Magazine Editor

Meetings and Events Committee
This past year preparing for 2020 with Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz has been rewarding and memorable.

Serving with a multi-talented committee has been a joy! Preparation hours for 2020 were generously donated by these faithful members: Grace, Gretchen, Bonnie, Carla, Meg and Prarie will you please come forward. While they are coming forward – How many of you plan to attend? (Show of hands).

Susan and I will introduce the committee for their reports and Susan will offer a closing summary.

Grace Bliss Smith, Ph.D., Meetings and Events Committee, DGG, Governor SMD in Michigan
Working with Tour Trends, Ltd., we have scheduled a variety of short and full day tours departing from Plymouth's harbor or the Hotel 1620 to make your 2020 celebration a memorable experience. In addition, three walking tours will depart from the Jenney Museum. Once posted on GSMD's website, we expect the tours to sell out quickly. Don't be left out of the fun! In other words, the saying "You snooze, you lose" unfortunately applies to these tours. Sign up early to make your celebration in Plymouth unforgettable!

Short Cruises
- Pilgrim Belle Cruise & Lunch
10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15

- Pilgrim Belle Sunset Cruise
6:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17

- Pilgrim Belle Cruise & Lunch
10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18

Walking Tours
- Dead of Night Ghost Walk Lantern Tour
7:15, 7:30, & 7:45 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14

- Jenney Museum Walking Tour of Plymouth
9:30 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15

- Dead of Night Ghost Walk Lantern Tour
7:15, 7:30, & 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16

Full Day Tours (w/lunch)
- Cranberry Bog Tour & Cape Canal Cruise
8:00 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15

- Lexington, Concord & Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House 8:00 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17

- Hyannis, JFK Museum & the Cape Cod Railroad
8:00 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17

Gretchen Harvey, Meetings and Events Committee, DGG, Former Governor, SMD in Nebraska
Greetings from the Nebraska Society! Our Society is looking forward to 2020, and several members from our group will be attending next September. It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to be included in the 2020 Meetings and Events Committee. When we were asked to be a part of this committee last fall, we were told by our committee chair Jane Hurt that we were going to be part of something special, and she was right. Our committee has been having regularly scheduled committee meetings via phone conference calls so we can all keep track of what is happening with the committee and the 2020 plans. We have participated in approximately eleven 45-minute conference calls, chaired by Jane, beginning in October of last year. It has been great to work with all the other committee members who have all contributed greatly to 2020, and it has been exciting to help proof the new registration information for 2020.

My duties on this committee include helping select the hotels for the 2020 meetings in Plymouth. In January and February, I started the process of

researching and checking Trip Advisor reviews for over 20 potential hotels and Bed and Breakfasts located in or around Plymouth on accommodations for our members for 2020, which were eventually listed on our GSMD website. During the vetting process, I called each of the hotels and bed and breakfasts to determine availability, pricing, and any discounts they would be willing to give us, and also reviewed the contracts required by some of the hotels. I estimate that a minimum of 30 volunteer hours has been spent on the hotel accommodations project. We hope to add more hotels to the list in September, as several places let me know that they did not have the ability to make reservations available for our members until one year before our event in 2020. Look to our GSMD website for further information about available accommodations.

Another exciting upcoming project my husband Bill and I will be helping out with for 2020 is the Opening Ceremony preparation and the Pilgrim Progress processions in both Plymouth and Boston. We are looking forward to helping out with these events – you will be hearing more from us in the months to come.

Bonnie Wade Mucia, Meetings and Events Committee, DGG, Former Governor, SMD in South Carolina

Details for 2020 are in full swing. Next year will be unlike any Congress we've ever seen or experienced. It became clear immediately that we would need help with the registration process as we did not have the capabilities in-house with the GSMD staff being so busy with the other things that make GSMD run smoothly. The search was on for a company that could meet our needs with 2020. After vetting a number of Event Registration companies, Sight Solutions Worldwide (SSW) was chosen based on their experience in this field, professionalism and the ease of our members being able to navigate the registration process. Another member of the committee took on the main responsibility of working with SSW on the logistics of getting the registration process up and running.

One of the major differences you will notice at registration this year is that it will be automated with 'smart' badges being printed as our members check in upon arriving in September 2020. Those smart badges will serve two purposes. They will be your entry into everything that you registered for. They will have a bar code that will be scanned at each event for security and for ease of checking everyone in. You will need your badge for entry into every event so please keep that in mind when you are registering for Congress and for all events. If you are not registered you will not be admitted to that event due to security. Please be mindful and have your registration name badge with you everywhere (even in Pilgrim attire).

Moving on to the details regarding the location of Congress in 2020 was another matter. In previous years the Hotel 1620 could accommodate our members and our meeting needs but it was clear from the start that Hotel 1620 would be too small for our meeting needs. With this historic event GSMD wanted to have the space to have as many *Mayflower* members to attend as possible. The choice for Congress was clear. It had to be moved to Plymouth Memorial Hall located in the heart of historic downtown Plymouth at 83 Court Street. It is about a five-minute walk and only 0.2 miles from Hotel 1620. The Main Auditorium of Memorial Hall can seat up to 1,500 people. The event floor measures a total of 3,750 square feet. This will give us enough room to have a record number of members attend Congress in 2020. Delegates will be seated on the floor in assigned seats. Registered Mayflower Society members, family or guests may attend Congress Governance Day meetings as silent observers and are welcome to participate in tours and events.

Congress 2020 will culminate with a Black-Tie Gala on Friday night, September 18, 2020. In searching for a location to have this event we looked at venues that were further out of town in order to accommodate our members and guests. We did not want to have to have them drive 30 minutes to an hour away, so Plymouth Memorial Hall was the clear choice. It will be turned into a magnificent venue with lighting, music, flowers, cocktails and food. It will be the perfect end to our historic 400th Anniversary Commemoration! A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!!

Carla Rigby, Ph.D., Meetings and Events Committee, AG, Governor, SMD in Maine

Carla Rigby reported that the Maine Mayflower Society will be graciously sponsoring the Welcome Reception in the Colonial Revival Garden of the Mayflower Society House which will immediately follow the Opening Ceremonies. In addition to 2020 being the 400th Anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in Plymouth, 2020 is also the Maine Society's 200th Anniversary.

Meg Averett, Meetings and Events Committee, NC Corresponding Secretary

- Governor of the Central Colony, SMD North Carolina

It has been a great honor and experience to serve on the 2020 Meetings and Events Committee. Our committee has been preparing for a year and we are excited as the big date arrives.

Our goal has been to make our GSMD Commemoration a special, once in a lifetime event – and it will be! I am amazed and grateful for the level of dedication our committee under the leadership of Secretary General Jane Hurt, and Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz has exhibited.

I have been involved with reviewing registration websites, selecting a special 2020 pin design, and giving input on accommodations and tours for members and guests. I am currently working on a major sponsorship proposal. While not finalized, we are encouraged by their response. Keep your fingers crossed!

It has been a whirlwind year. The 2020 Anniversary will certainly be something you do not want to miss.

Prarie Counce, Meetings and Events Committee, Deputy Governor Texas SOMD

I was delighted to be invited to serve on the 2020 Meetings and Events Committee and to focus on registration.

Registration is going to be different this time because of the expected volume of people attending this historic event, so an experienced registration management company has been selected to help us.

Because of the many events planned for 2020, the collection of all needed data for the registration website has been the most time-consuming part of registration preparation so far. Every event was listed in a spreadsheet along with its date, time, place, fee (if required), accessibility and a description of the event. Capacity limits and logistics were considered. One of the aspects we liked about the new registration program is that it handles capacity limits, wait lists, and other such logistics.

The data has been incorporated into a registration and information website. Our committee has reviewed the new website, performed test runs, and found it to be user friendly. We're getting very close now to opening registration.

Once registration begins, the focus will turn to Plymouth 2020. GSMD volunteers will be using electronic devices for check-in and for scanning badges for admittance to all events, including meetings and tours, as security is a prime concern.

GSMD volunteers are needed during check-in. A sign-up sheet is available during this Denver conference. Volunteer now to select your choice of time to serve during this historic event. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Susan T. Belekewicz, GSMD Executive Director, Meetings and Events Committee

It has been my pleasure to work with this wonderful committee! I think I speak for all of us - we are all excited to be part of the planning for 2020, to have this opportunity to create memories and history.

You have heard a lot that it going to be different about this Congress:

- We are pursuing sponsorships to defray costs;
- We will be using a professional registration company, which will permit us to leverage technology for event reports and use bar coded name badges and a scanner system for event entry;
- We are engaging a private security team to ensure our members will have a safe, enjoyable and memorable visit;
- And we have expanded our venues to include special events in Provincetown and Boston.

On behalf of our entire committee, we hope you all will join us for this very special commemoration!

- Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt, Secretary General Meetings & Events Committee Chairman

Personnel [No report filed]

Pilgrim Academic Research Committee (PARC)

Governor General Garmany announced the 2019 Pilgrim Academic Research Award Winner, Caleb H. Johnson, author and historian behind **MayflowerHistory.com**. Caleb has been on the forefront of Mayflower genealogical research as it pertains to the English origins of the *Mayflower* Passengers. In 2017-2018, he collaborated with Sue Allan and Simon Neal to piece together the English origins of two more *Mayflower* passengers, William and Susanna (Jackson) White. The award will be presented in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

George P. Garmany Jr., MD, Governor General

National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse

The National Pilgrim Memorial Meetinghouse exterior restoration is well underway. As we meet today, the slate roof tiles are being removed from the belfry and work has begun on cleaning the stone on the side of the building before adding new mortar. Soon the Mayflower Meetinghouse will be completely free of leaks and weather damage.

The contractors are collecting 300 pieces of the old slate from the roof in case we want to turn them into decorative fundraising art. I am hoping to get volunteers to help with this as other construction projects offering slate Christmas ornaments and other items has been successful. Please come see me if this project sounds like one you would like to chair.

Our architects Spencer, Sullivan, & Vogt tell us that the project is on schedule and so far, there have been no costly surprises. That does not mean it still could not happen, however, as they are opening the roof over the next two weeks.

They will begin on the belfry and they will end with reinstalling the Robinson windows and rehanging the front doors. If the schedule goes as planned, we will see the Mayflower Meetinghouse with windows intact and lit and landscaped in time for Christmas this year.

The Trustees recently met and heard from three national firms that specialize in putting teams together for historic restoration, adaptive reuse and historic programming. The team chose includes three firms – Cambridge 7 Architects, BCA Preservation, and Cortina Productions.

The team has begun work on Phase One as of September first. They will be conducting five meetings with a group of experts, town members, Mayflower Society members and Trustees. By the end of the year, a spec book and video will be ready to present to major donors with choices of projects they may want to fund.

One additional project is available now and if your Society wants to partner with other donors, I would welcome your interest. It concerns our chimes and carillon. We have ten bells in addition to the Revere bell which belongs to the town of Plymouth. Our ten bells are part of a Carillon that can play music. The Verdin Company, who just created the new bell for the ship *Mayflower* has inspected our bells and given us an estimate on cleaning and preserving them. Once done, the bells will only need maintenance every ten to fifteen years. The cost for the project is $165,000. The Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims has just signed on for $15,000 and we are looking for funders to participate.

By the way, the town of Plymouth granted us not only $2,618,000 for the exterior of the Meetinghouse, but they will also invest an additional $30,000 to restore the town bell which is on permanent loan to the Mayflower Meetinghouse. That is a huge vote of confidence in our Society's ability to maintain the structure throughout its future.

If funding goes well with major donors, our goal is to see the entire project finished by the time we all meet in Plymouth in September 2021 to honor the anniversary of the first Thanksgiving. If funding is not in place by then, we will continue to work to restore and preserve this historic icon. In all, this Society will raise over $12,000,000 to save a true American treasure. What a legacy we will leave on this 400th anniversary for our children, grandchildren and descendants!

Lea Sinclair Filson, Former Governor General

Scholarship

The GSMD Scholarship Committee is proud to announce the 2019 GSMD Scholarship winners.

2019 GSMD Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the four 2019 scholarship-winning candidates:

First Place $6,000:
Molly Lubbers, Fort Collins, Colorado

Second Place $4,000:
Jonas Gaspari, Delray Beach, Florida

Third Place $3,000:
Ciara Carr, Anderson, Indiana

Fourth Place $2,000:
Gretchen Ellis, Overland Park, Kansas

Thank you Mark Fulcomer, Judy Needham, Steve Gibbon, Della Regenold, Ruth Lucchesi and Meg Averett for all the hard work adjudicating the winners. In addition, we thank the Plymouth office for their assistance and Governor General George P. Garmany. We say goodbye to committee members, Sally Johnson from California and Laura Brock from Florida. We thank them for their past contributions.

We are pleased to report nearly 100 applications were submitted in 2019. This is double the number of scholarship applications ever submitted to the GSMD Scholarship Committee.

The committee is suggesting the following recommendations with the purpose to improve the scholarship application process. The current website is not able to support an electronic application form. The applicant process currently requires filling out the Word file form online, the applicant has to print or save it as a word or PDF file and send via word or PDF File to the Committee Chair, or snail-mail it to staff member at the Plymouth Office. In addition, applicants are required to attach or mail or email PDF files of their High School Transcripts and Standardized College Exam Scores.

We are suggesting that we create a new online form that is not a word file (with exception of the Academic and Character assessments PDF forms that are filled out by a third party). The online application form will be available through a link on the GSMD website which redirects the applicant to a separate landing web page. The new online form should include CSV (comma-separated values) and secure encryption. This is a cost effective way to handle the electronic fillable online form. This new online form will prevent the applicant from entering, or attaching files and submitting the application incorrectly. It will also reduce the number of hands the application has to pass through to reach the final adjudicating process.

Comments from Mark Fulcomer, Scholarship Committee Statistician.

First introduced in 2011, 2019 is the ninth consecutive year in which the Scholarship Committee has determined the recipients of the *GSMD Mayflower Scholarship Awards* using rigorous evaluation principles that seek to be as objective, fair, and unbiased as possible. Each year's results have been based on final scores of up to 200 points that have applied well-known statistical methods (for percentiles and other types of quantitative measurements) to the same eight categories of information from diverse sources as shown below. The final scores are carefully inspected and verified to ensure that they have been accurately calculated. Finally, even though multiple-step stages with two passes have been introduced to reduce the burden of evaluating large numbers of applications in an unbiased fashion (first in 2012 and again in 2015.), The groups of finalists from which the awardees are selected continue to receive ratings from each of the adjudicators on the committee that include the student's entire submission.

Maximum Points by Categories (with points allotted in 2019 in parentheses)

a. SAT/ACT test results (25 points)*

b. Class rank (5 points)*

c. An academic recommendation form (15 points)** *

d. A character reference form (15 points)** *

e. Three essays (100 points) that cover historical, societal, and personal aspects and which also may vary from year-to-year***

f. Community service and employment (15 points)***

g. High school coursework, awards and honors (10 points*** and

h. High school and other activities (15 points)***

Types of scoring
* Percentile results;
**Likert-type rankings; and
***100-point scales converted to standard scores to average ratings.

Beginning with 2012, items a-d above have been calculated and verified by a single individual because their high reliability makes it possible to reduce the burden on other committee members.

Employing selection and placement methods first introduced during WWI (as well as in subsequent quality control work and in WWII), the ratings of the essays (e) and the remaining three items (f-h) have been in two stages. Since 2015 each of these stages has utilized the possibility of two passes: the first pass gives each rater a comparable group of sampled applications based on the scores of a-d with a special effort to ensure that those applications predicted to have high scores are evaluated by all of the adjudicators. A second pass is utilized to ensure that all of the adjudicators have evaluated all of the likely finalists. Incorporating up to two-passes has dramatically reduced the additional burdens on raters (about 40%) without compromising the validity of the final decisions on the applicants to receive the awards.

The final composite scores are carefully inspected to ensure that they have accurately combined the scores of the separate sub-components.

In closing, it is important that the Executive Committee and the General Society Board of Assistants understand that the Scholarship Committee's mission is to make this contest unbiased and fair.

- Lorrie Link, Scholarship Chairman

The meeting recessed at 3:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

Colorado Governor Richard Jeffords made an announcement about a lost-and-found article.

Silver Books Project
The *Silver Books* Committee consists of myself, Susan Roser and Todd Holden. The Committee answers questions that come up, deciding the best way for the *Silver Books* to go. It's been a quiet year for the Committee.

In 2019, to date, we have published *Thomas Rogers,* Part 2; *William Brewster,* Volume 24, Part 2; and Volume 25, *Edward Winslow; Edward Winslow* is currently at the printer. It has almost 500 pages. Although Winslow is a small family, this book goes through the 8th generation, naming the 9th generation. There are also some interesting appendices. David Alden will be published next. The last Brewster book will be published soon.

Rebecca Alden, the last Alden in Silver is still being researched, but is nearing completion.

Hopkins is still in process but will be a while before we see it.

Another Rogers is in process.

When all the Delano green books are completed, they will then be published in one hardback volume, not Silver, but some appropriate color.

An addendum for Cooke was printed.

A new Soule project is in process, headed by Rev. Becket Soule.

A new book by James Baker will be published in 2019. It is a series of essays about the Pilgrims that were written by Mr. Baker over the years. Richard Pickering of Plimoth Plantation wrote the Foreword and called it "The Book" for Pilgrim history.

- Judith H. Swan, Former Governor General
Director, Silver Books Project

2020 Committee (Coin Report)
From a directive by the Secretary of the Treasury, the U.S. Mint will be minting coins through its own program. It will partner with the British Mint to sell sets of coins and medals. Two coins will be produced by the U.S. Mint including a gold coin the size of a nickel and a larger 28.5 mm silver medal that is a bit larger than a half dollar.

I was honored to be invited by the United States Mint to sit on a committee to choose coins manufactured by the Mint under orders of the Secretary of the Treasury. I was invited to give my views and impressions as a *Mayflower* descendant. Richard Pickering and another scholar from a Washington DC university were invited as experts on Pilgrim and Wampanoag history. One person was supposed to be chosen for views and impressions from the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, but each call ended up with a minimum of five from the Tribe.

A series of nine calls have been conducted between November 2018 and May 2019. Many designs and discussions later, a series of designs were chosen by the Mint itself after the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee that meets to approve designs could not make a decision and turned the job back over to the Mint. The U.S. Mint staff have now sent these designs to the Secretary of the Treasury for a decision on what will be minted. A decision is expected later this month.

Once the designs are decided upon, a *2020 Mayflower 400th Anniversary 24K Gold Coin* and *Silver Medal Program* will ensue and the mint will produce them. Coins will be available the end of 2019 or beginning of 2020.

Articles published in newspapers and coin magazines about this process are pure speculation. It is common that new coinage programs are written about with erroneous announcements on the selection process.

The Secretary of the Treasury will choose two designs from the following designs – one for the gold coin and one for the medal.

Lea Sinclair Filson, Former Governor General

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the 2019-2020 Budget
The budget has been distributed in your packets. It was presented to the Executive Committee in June, revisions were made over the next month and a revised version was approved by them July 23rd. It has also been presented to and approved by the Finance Committee.

This year's budget process was different in that our initial budget resulted in an unacceptable $153,000 deficit. We knew we had to identify those areas where adjustments would be made, but every decision needed was a difficult one. We call these decisions "levers."

We tackled the expenses first, as it was important to understand which items we felt were needed and what the impact of foregoing them would be. These are:

- **Staffing:** we first addressed the Genealogy Department, as that is our lifeblood. There we identified a minimum need to add two verifiers and a clerk to address the ever increasing application influx (a good thing!). This will keep us just afloat, with these additions experiencing a learning curve until sometime in December. Next we reviewed the three employee departures and their impact to running our business. The Membership Manager role was deemed to be the most critical to be filled, with an option to outsource a portion of the Communications role and to temporarily suspend the Development role until next year. The other need was in the Sales area where Jane Schleinzer and Sylvie Carlson, our magic "sellers," have been finding some amazing new items, yes, keeping up with the trends. These new items have resulted in an explosion of orders needing fulfillment, a clerk position.

- **Technology**: Two main components were contemplated: best course to take with the data from the Family Search project, and what to do to best utilize the iMIS database (adding the Fundraising Module, adding licenses, etc.). The expertise to do these things is not currently available in our staff, so finding a consultant to guide us is our best option.

- **Facilities:** Our three-building campus on Winslow Street requires maintenance and improvements to keep it in working condition. In March 2017 a *Three Year and beyond Maintenance Project* analysis was done, most of the items listed each year have been done; additionally some items in the Longer Term Projects section actually had to be addressed earlier than normal (Fire Alarms, Humidity Control) plus new items (Air Conditioning/Heater Mini Split Unit in Solarium to allow it to be used year round). This analysis did not identify the full repainting needed for the Society House. Luckily, we have the House Endowment Fund to assist payment for a large project such as the painting. The Trustees have approved using funds to do the repainting (along with major waterfront railing repairs) in time for the 2020 commemoration. No accommodations were made in the analysis for adding appropriate security measures; this will be reviewed with the next budget cycle. The Library has also experienced repair needs, such as the roof replacement and restructuring space for adding staff. A discussion occurred related to repurposing the Library; these thoughts are still being discussed. In the end, the need to contract out occasional maintenance was considered.

- Your Executive Committee also determined to cost save, decided that eliminating one in person meeting in Plymouth would be prudent. Also, it was determined to have a simple annual report prepared (an even more abbreviated version was provided in the financial package in your envelopes).

For revenues:

- Our first lever was to examine our investment income spending policy. A decision was made to increase it to 5%, a rate which is in line with most endowment spending policy practices. This provided an addition to the revenue of $97,000.

- We recognized that the possibility of additional income related to increased applications in anticipation of 2020 was also a lever.

- Additional levers were a bump in Sales Revenue (thanks to Jane Schleinzer and Sylvie Carlson, our magic "sellers"), revenue from more 1620 members who want to be in the club for 2020, projecting an average increase to our Annual Appeal and a small amount increase to general gifts.

The Executive Committee went through all these items one by one and, as a team, determined the best course of action to take. It was a difficult

discussion, with many conference calls. As mentioned, we finally did get to a basically balanced budget.

To review from yesterday's Training Session, the following is the history of how our per capita amounts have changed over the last 20 years:

1. 1999: $8.00
2. 2008: $11.00
3. 2014: $15.00

There's no need to review yesterday's information regarding what other societies charge compared to what we charge at the National level. But the key item to take away from that is the need to make decisions quickly. We are really trying to take care of our Society for all of you.

- Elizabeth 'Liz' W. Gaudreau, CPA, Treasurer General

Presentation of the Annual Audit
MOTION: Chairman, Charles M. Johnson moved "on behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee that the report of the auditors for the year ended June 30, 2019, be accepted."

Adopted.

The Audit and Finance Committee held a series of calls through the past year. All members of the committee and Executive Director, Susan Belekewicz, attended each of the calls. Primary discussion topics included fiscal 2019 financial performance versus budget, selection of a new external audit firm, securing a line of credit to protect against potential cash shortfalls, funding for repairs and maintenance of Society property, proposed amendments to the constitution related to per capita dues and lineage processing fees and the 2020 annual budget.

The committee met Friday, September 6, 2019 at the Grand Hyatt in Denver, Colorado. In attendance were Member-at-Large Donald Studley, Stephen Gibbon, Treasurer General Elizabeth 'Liz' Gaudreau, Executive Director Susan Belekewicz and myself. The committee approved the final version of the 2020 budget. We discussed the status of the 2019 audit which was completed with an unqualified opinion and planned a meeting with the external auditors to talk about the results. We discussed the financial concerns of the Society related to increased operating costs and the need to invest in technology. Finally, we planned the timing and content of our next conference call.

As a result of these meetings, it has become clear that the Society needs to re-evaluate the amount of per capita assessments from the Member Societies and the process in which changes in the annual amount of assessments are made. Currently, per capita assessments can only be changed by a vote of the Congress delegates every three years. As of today, each Society pays the General Society $15.00 per year per member. The amount of the assessment has only been changed twice in the last twenty years and is far below the cost of other similar Societies. As inflation and basic business costs such as technology have increased over time, we as a Society have fallen behind. We are struggling mightily to meet our cash flow needs on a daily basis even though we scrutinize every dollar we spend and minimize every possible expense. The Audit and Finance Committee is unanimously supportive of both increasing the dollar amount of the annual assessment and amending the approval process for changing the amount. The Society needs to have greater flexibility and potential frequency in changing assessments so that financial risks can be effectively mitigated. We realize this puts a financial strain on every Member Society, particularly those with large populations of life members. As a Society, we need to work together to solve these financial challenges in order to continue our mission. Otherwise, we are at significant risk of becoming irrelevant or even nonexistent.

As a committee, we are committed to working with the Society to provide oversight and assist in developing a financial road map to carry us through 2021. We will continue to meet on a regular basis throughout the next year in order to provide timely guidance and support. We will work with the Treasurer General, Executive Director and Executive Committee as needed to ensure financial stability is maintained.

I want to personally thank Liz, Susan and the staff at Plymouth for all of their hard work. As a committee, we look forward to serving the Society for the next year as we move into 2020.

- Charles M. Johnson, Chair

- Stephen H. Gibbon, Mike Nichols, Donald T. Studley, CPA, Member-at-Large

- Elizabeth 'Liz' W. Gaudreau, CPA, Treasurer General

Recommendation(s) from the Executive Committee
Governor General Garmany called the Secretary General Hurt to read the Recommendation from the Executive Committee.

MOTION: Secretary General Hurt: "on behalf of the Executive Committee, I move Recommendation 1 be adopted. Recommendation 1:

That Charles C. Morgan does not represent the General Society of Mayflower Descendants ("GSMD"), its members or its interests in the case of Charles C. Morgan v. GSMD, et al." Adopted.

Nominating Committee Appointments
Governor General Garmany read from the GSMD Constitution and Bylaws, Article X, Committees, Section 1: Nominating Committee.

The committee appointments were as follows:

Chairman: Bruce C. MacGunnigle, Former Governor General

Former Governors General: Mildred Ramos, Edward Delano Sullivan, Judith H. Swan, Lea Sinclair Filson

Former Assistant Governors General: Donald W. West, Harry P. Folger, III

Members of the Society: Lorrie Link (MN), Marcia Maloney (CA), Ren Cushing (FL), Virginia Mucciaccio (MA), Ben Proctor, Jr. (MD). Member added following the meeting was Charles Johnson (MS).

Training Day Highlights
Due to the time there was no discussion of Training Day highlights.

2020 Preview of Plans

- 2020 California Parade Report
Ray Raser, Governor of California and the float committee presented plans for the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade float, "Voyage of Hope."

- 2020 Provincetown
Dr. David Weidner, Executive Director of the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum offered a special invitation to GSMD members to attend the Provincetown commemorative events during 2020. He delivered an exciting glimpse of plans including discounted pricing to GSMD members who purchase a seat on the ***Ship Mayflower*** as it sails from Plymouth to Provincetown for the wreath laying ceremony.

- 2020 Boston and Plymouth
Details of these events were included in the Meetings and Events reports.

A request for a show of hands was called for those who would support a dues (per capita assessment) increase from $15 to $35 to be voted on at the 2020 Congress and instituted in the 2021-2022 budget year, resulted in a count of 70 in favor of and nine in opposition.

Michael C. Keleher, DGG from North Carolina, requested consideration for the September 2024 General Board of Assistants meeting to be held in combination with North Carolina Society's 100th Anniversary celebration. A formal request will be presented during 2020 Congress.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 2021 GBOA will be held in Plymouth to commemorate the First Thanksgiving and hosted by the Massachusetts Society.

- 2022 GBOA will be hosted by the Minnesota Society.

The benediction was given by Elder General Reverend Dr. Thomas Pike.

Captain General Jeff Stark called for the retiring of the Colors by the *Mayflower Guard* lead by Commander James Battles.

With no additional business, the 2019 General Board of Assistants Meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

- Jane E. Groves Riddell Hurt Secretary General

Approved: October 7, 2019

- Governor General George P. Garmany, Jr., MD

Donation to Meetinghouse!

We are overjoyed to announce a $50,000 donation in memory of Clara Thayer Rockwell from the Rockwell Trust. This is not the family of the Thanksgiving artist Norman Rockwell, but a family whose grandmother was a member of the society. Their wonderful donation is designated for the restoration of the front doors of the Mayflower Meetinghouse. **Thank you!**

Interrogating The Bradford Map

By James W. Baker

On the first page of a volume of the records of Plymouth Colony, entitled "Plimouths Great Book of Deeds of Lands Enrolled from An° 1627 to An° 1651," Governor William Bradford drew a diagram ("The Meersteads & garden plotes of which came first Layd out 1620") of what was said to be the initial assignment of house lots on "First Street," today's Leyden Street. The map is incomplete, showing only those lots that were on the south or brook side of the street, and omitting the four houses "for the use of the plantation" mentioned in *Mourt's Relation*. Few if any of these lots (the easternmost of which were all granted to James Cole, ca.1637) can be found in later deeds. On the other hand, although the lots on the north side of the street are not depicted, some of those remained in the original owners' possession long enough to appear in surviving records. By combining the documentary evidence of the northerly lots with Bradford's map of the south side, local historians hypothesized what New Plymouth originally looked like, an arrangement that has been accepted with few modifications ever since. However, the accuracy of this traditional model has never been carefully reviewed, an oversight which deserves attention.

The following transcript is copied from the first page of the first Book of Plymouth Colony Records. It is probably part of the allotment, made January 9, 1620—1, mentioned in the note, page 63, of the Memorial. It is evidently incomplete. The *Street* is supposed to correspond to the one now leading from the meeting-house to the harbour. The highway led to the town brook.

"The Meersteads and Garden Plotes of those which came first, layed out, 1620.

The North side.	**South side.**
	Peter Brown,
	John Goodman,
	Mr. Brewster.
	highway.
the street.	**John Billington,**
	Mr. Isaak Allerton,
	Francis Cooke,
	Edward Winslow."

Figure 1

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"The Meersteads and Garden-plotes of those which came first, layed out 1620.

The North side.	*South side.*
	Peter Brown John Goodman Mr. Brewster
	Hige way.
the street.	John Billington Mr. Isaak Allerton Francis Cooke Edward Winslow

A plan, more fully drawn, would probably be as follows:

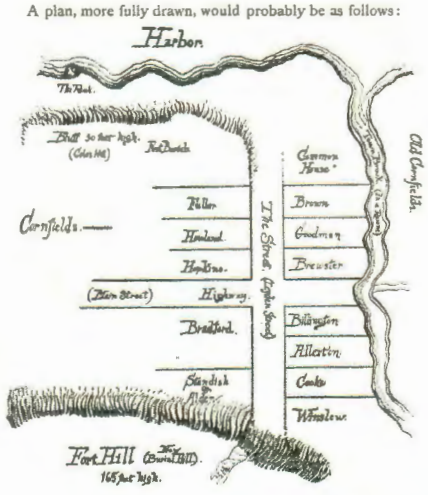


Figure 2

Plymouth's Traditional Representation Evolves

The popularization of the Bradford map began in the early nineteenth century. A basic depiction of the map was published by Plymouth historian John Davis in a footnote to his 1826 edition of Nathaniel Morton's *New England's Memorial* (fig. 1).

John A. Goodwin added the lots on the north side of the street in *The Pilgrim Republic* (1888), effectively creating the standard conception of Plymouth in the 1620s (fig. 2).

At about the same time (1887), A. S. Burbank commissioned local artist W. L. Williams to compose a pictorial depiction of early Plymouth, which added a single house on the north side of the street not

included in Bradford's original or Davis' printed diagrams – Governor Bradford's residence. This image was sold by Burbank as a five by eight-inch photograph (fig. 3).

▲ Figure 3

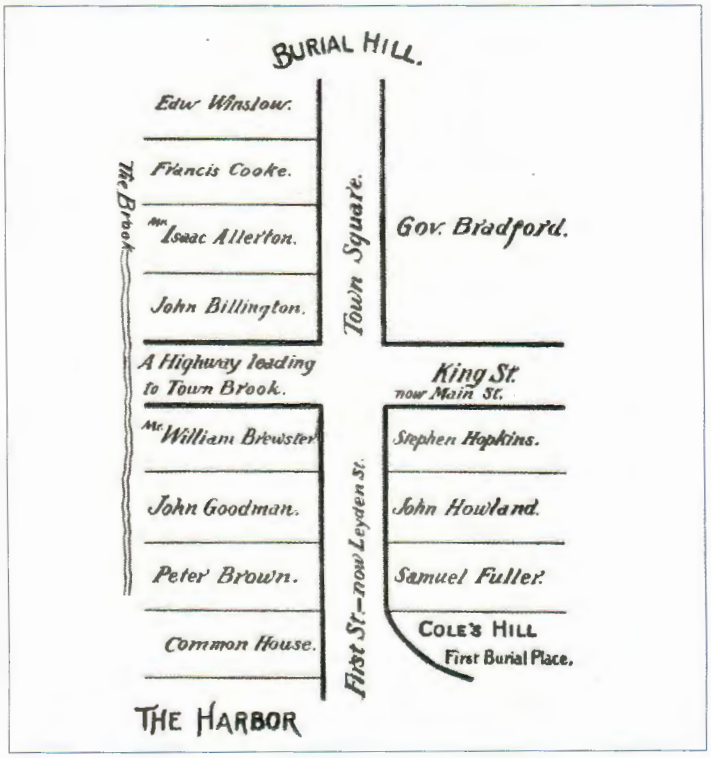
Williams' impression of eight neat little thatched log cabins (resembling a pseudo-colonial housing development) was later joined by his additional views of the settlement such as the Fort-Meetinghouse, the Governor's House and the First Street from an east-west perspective, reproduced as prints or in color on postcards (fig. 4A-B).

Burbank also included a reversed version of the traditional map diagram in his popular Plymouth guidebook, *Guide to Historic Plymouth Illustrated* (1896 & many later editions), which had first appeared in William T. Hollis' *Old Plymouth* (1878), published by Avery and Doten (fig. 5).

▲ Figures 4A-B

Later guidebooks tended to omit maps of this sort, but the Burbank/Bradford map achieved its ultimate success when it was adopted by Charles R. Strickland (for lack of any better model) as the basis for Plimoth Plantation's reconstructed Pilgrim Village. The first Village plan, included in the 1948 prospectus for the Plantation, was constrained by the proposed location south of Eel River next to the Plymouth Country Club, which had recently been split by the new "M[anomet] Road" linking Route 3 with Route 3A (fig. 6).

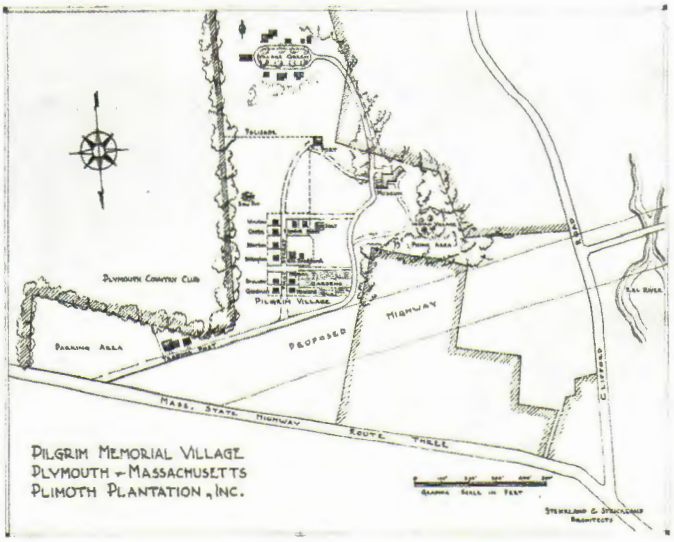
After Plimoth Plantation received its present property from the Hattie Hornblower estate in 1956, Strickland's revised plan retained the traditionally identified lots, later adding justifiable assignments to the Warren and Soule *Mayflower* families (whose descendants underwrote the houses' construction) at the bottom of the street (fig. 7).



▲ Figure 5

How Reliable is the Bradford Map?
The quick answer is – not very much.

The inconsistencies and omissions in the assigned plot plan suggest that the map, inscribed in 1620 on a page at the beginning of the then



Plan of Pilgrim Memorial Village at Plymouth

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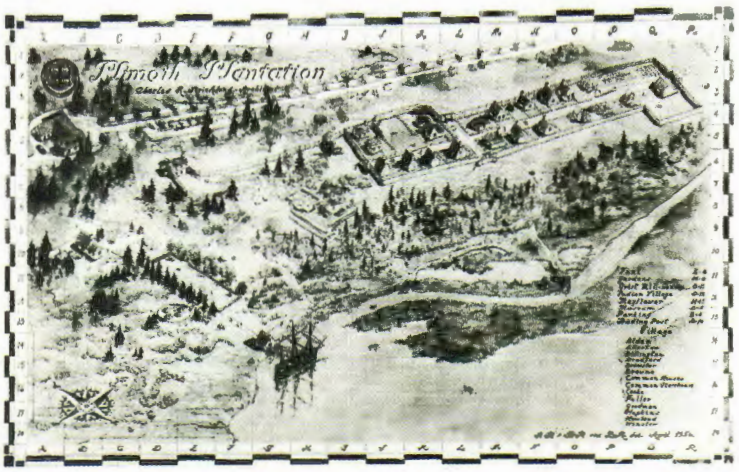


The Design for the New Pilgrim Village, 1956

▲ Figure 7

blank book, was just Bradford's initial attempt to chart the initial assignments, an attempt that he abandoned when the assignments changed. The primary discrepancies are the alleged allocation of house lots (or "meersteads") to two single men, the omission of at least one house on the north side of the street known to have been assigned and built (Hopkins), the location of the Winslow house, and the omission of the lots on the north side and the four community or "common" houses.

The layout of the initial street is specifically described in *Mourt's Relation*:

> Thursday, the 28th of December, so many as could went to work on the hill where we purposed to build our platform for our ordnance, and which doth command all the plain and the bay, and from whence we may see far into the sea, and might be easier impaled, having two rows of houses and a fair street. So in the afternoon we went to measure out the grounds, and first we took notice of how many families there were, willing all single men that had no wives to join with some family, as they thought fit, that so we might build fewer houses, which was done, and we reduced them to nineteen families. To greater families we allotted larger plots, to every person half a pole [8.25 feet] in breadth, and three [49.5 feet] in length, and so lots were cast where every man should lie, which was done, and staked out. We thought this proportion was large enough at the first for houses and gardens, to impale them round, considering the weakness of our people…[1]
>
> Tuesday, the 9th of January, was a remarkable fair day, and we went to labor that day in the building of our town, in two rows of houses for more safety. We divided by lot the plot of ground whereon to build our town. After the proportion formerly allotted, we agreed that every man should build his own house, thinking by that course men would make more haste than working in common. The common house, in which for the first we made our rendezvous, being near finished wanted only covering, it being about twenty feet square. Some should make mortar, and some gather thatch, so that in four days half of it was thatched. Frost and foul weather hindered us much, this time of the year seldom could we work half the week.[2]

It is clear that unmarried men, namely Peter Brown and John Goodman, were to have been assigned to one of the family units, not assigned house lots of their own. Brown did not marry "widow" Martha Ford, who arrived with her soon-deceased husband on the *Fortune* in 1621, until after the initial division. Goodman, whom Caleb Johnson has identified as coming from Dorking in Surrey, died unmarried before 1627 as far as we know. He received a single acre in the 1623 land division, indicating he had no partner but may have had a related heir. Brown and Goodman presumably helped build the first houses, but it is unreasonable to assume they owned any.

Stephen Hopkins, however, is recorded as having a house on the north side of the street, as noted in *Mourt*:

Friday the 16th of March… [Samoset] told us the place where we now live is called Patuxet, and that about four years ago all the inhabitants died of an extraordinary plague, and there is neither man, woman, nor child remaining, as indeed we have found none, so as there is none to hinder our possession, or to lay claim unto it. All the afternoon we spent in communication with him; we would gladly have been rid of him at night, but he was not willing to go this night. Then we thought to carry him on shipboard, wherewith he was well content, and went into the shallop, but the wind was high and the water scant, that it could not return back. We lodged him that night at Stephen Hopkins' house, and watched him.[3]

Although Edward Winslow's lot is located at the westerly end on the southerly side street on Bradford's map, Samuel Sewell was told that his house was actually located further east, later owned by James Cole:

March, 8. [1698] Get to Plimouth about Noon, Are entertain'd at Cole's. Send two mile for Mr. Little, who prays at the opening of the Court: invite him to Dinner: Speak not to Mr. Cotton. I lodge at Cole's, the house was built by Govr. Winslow and is the oldest in Plimouth.[4]

It is possible that Winslow traded an earlier lot for what is now 17 Leyden Street, but it is pointless to speculate only to try to justify the location on Bradford's map. In the process of paying off the colonist's debt to merchant adventurer John Beauchamp of London, Winslow sold his Plymouth house to Edmond Freeman, attorney for Mr. Beauchamp, on March 17, 1645. The deed includes an interesting description of the property:

MEMORAND the same day Mr Edward Winslow doth acknowledg That for and in consideracõn of the sum of thirty & eight pounds allowed vpon the said account in payment to Mr John Beauchamp Hath freely and absolutely bargained and sold vnto Mr Edmond ffreeman All that his house scittuate in Plymouth wth the garden Backhouse doores lockes bolts Wainscote glasse and Wainscote bedstead in the parlor wth the truckle bed a chaire in the studdy and all the shelues as now the are in eich roome wth the yeard roomth and fences about the same and all & euery their apprteñces wth all his right title and interrest of and into the said prmisss and euery pt and pcell thereof To haue and to hold the said house & garden place backhouse doores locks bolts wainscoate and wainscoate bedstead wth truckle bed chaire glasse and shelues and yeard roomth wth all and singuler their apprteñces vnto the said Edmond ffreeman his heires and Assignes for euer to the onely pper use and behoofe of him the said Edmond ffreeman his heires and Assignes foreuer.[5]

Isaac Allerton had sold his rather smaller house (presumably on First Street) at an earlier date, but it only appeared in the records when it was included in property sales needed to meet the Beauchamp debt. There is no indication, regrettably, as to where his Plymouth Village house was located:

MEMORAND the same day [March 17] That whereas Mr Isaack Allerton form'ly sold vnto Mr Willm Bradford Mr Edward Winslow Mr Thomas Prence &c one house and garden place scituate on the South side of the heigh streete in Plymouth in pt of payment of certaine accountes betwixt them now valued at tenn pounds and is allowed the said Wm Bradford Edward Winslow Thomas Prence and the rest of their ptners in pt of payment of the said account vnto the said Mr John Beauchamp Now they the said Wm Bradford Edward Winslow Thomas Prence Miles Standish John Alden and John Howland &c do acknowledg they haue joyntly & seually freely and absolutely bargained and sold the said house and garden place wth their apprteñces vnto Mr Edmond ffreeman and all their Right title and interrest of & into the said prmisss & euery pt thereof To haue and to hold the said house and garden place wth all and euery their apprteñces vnto the said Edmond ffreeman his heires & Assignes for euer to the onely use and behoofe of him the said Edmond ffreeman his heires and Assignes for euer.[6]

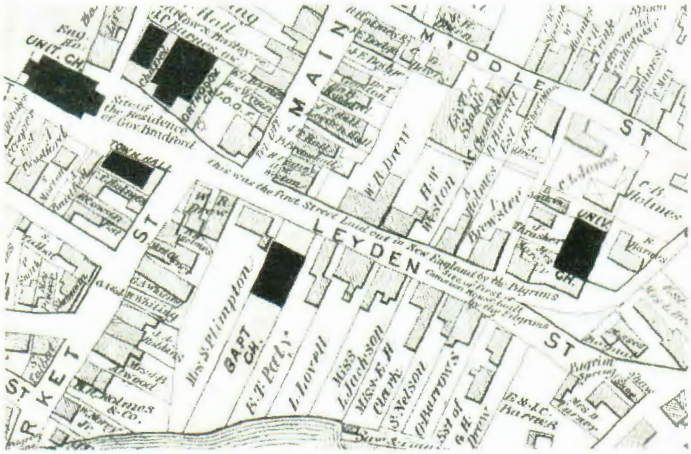
One further possible anomaly is the "highway" or cross street, leading north as today's Main Street and south as today's Market Street. The discrepancy is the depiction of the "highway" or cross street that runs north and south across First Street. As the landmark by which the south side of Leyden Street has been aligned with the north side, the cross street is an important factor for the location of the early lots on today's landscape. The problem is that it is shown as a direct continuation of Main Street running between the Brewster and Billington lots to the Brook. Such a continuation is true today, but before the Main Street Extension bridge was built in 1908, the "highway" actually

made a dog-leg turn out of Town Square into Market Street and thence across Town Brook. It wasn't a straight intersection as shown on the map. Plymouth historian William T. Davis describes the area in question, (for which I've added a detail from the 1874 Beers map of Plymouth identifying owners Davis mentions, below):

At a very early date all the land on the south side of this street, from the corner of Market Street to the westerly line of the lot on which the gambrel roof house with a brick end stands, opposite the Universalist Church, was in the possession of James Cole. On the 24 of January, 1637, seven acres of land were granted to him by the Court, "to belong to his dwelling-house," and those acres probably included the Leyden Street land. His house stood precisely on the site now occupied by the house of Ephraim T. Paty, next below the Baptist Church, he then kept an ordinary, for which he was licensed in 1645. The records fail to show how he came into the possession of the house but it is probable that he bought it of Edward Winslow, who was perhaps its earlier occupant. ... James Cole sold in 1688, to his son John, all that part of the above land as far as the Baptist Church lot, inclusive, and in 1689 John Cole sold the same to William Shurtleff, who built the house now standing on the corner. In 1698 Shurtleff sold the corner lot and house to Isaac Little, and Little sold it in 1699 to James Warren, who bought in 1707 of Shurtleff the adjoining.[7]

Traditionally, Elder Brewster's lot was thought to be where Mrs. Sarah Plimpton's house is on the 1874 map, which is now the beginning of Main Street Extension, rather than the Baptist Church/ Post Office lot. Shurtleff's corner lot is marked "W. H. Drew." Where does this leave Billingtons? On the Drew lot (which dislocates the dividing "highway") or in front of the 1749 Courthouse?

It is for these reasons that I suggest that Bradford's map does not represent an accurate depiction of how "First Street" was finally laid out in the winter of 1620-1621. Of course, that largely leaves the question, what the settlement did look like in abeyance. If some speculation is acceptable, I might note a few considerations. We are told in *Mourt* that in December 1620, it was decided that the company would be divided into nineteen family units, each sharing a house with single men and servants.[8] The first attempted division on January 9, 1620/21 was therefore made while there were many relatively intact families. That would soon change



as more people died in the general sickness. By the autumn of 1621, we are told there were only seven dwelling houses (but with others being worked on):

You shall understand, that in this little time, that a few of us have been here, we have built seven dwelling-houses, and four for the use of the plantation, and have made preparation for divers others.[9]

Whose houses were those? Presumably they were owned by surviving extant families, three of which were Billington, Brewster, and Hopkins. One of the other four was probably that of the Carvers', who survived the first winter before they died. As governor, Carver would presumably have been given a better than average dwelling in which to exercise his official duties as Bradford did later when the colonial authorities met regularly at his home.[10] Although Bradford was a single widower at the time of the division, his election as governor logically resulted in his inheritance of the governor's house.

Another was probably Edward Winslow's. His wife Elizabeth had died on 24 March 24 1620/21, but he was quickly remarried to widow Susanna White on May 12, 1621. This, along with his social standing, could have guaranteed him a house. Similarly, although Isaac Allerton had lost his wife, the fact that he still had four surviving members (Bartholomew, Remember and Mary, plus servant William Latham) in his family – more than any other household – could have warranted his being provided with one of the houses. I cannot speculate as to who might have been allotted the seventh house. None of the other subsequent *Mayflower* colonial leaders, Alden (single until 1623), Howland (then a servant or employee and single until 1624), Standish (widower) were married heads of households in early 1620/21.

What is also interesting is that of the extant families, two and perhaps three are located on Bradford's map. While there are no surviving deeds connecting the Billingtons or the Brewsters with the First Street properties (for example, Brewster's plot location – the middle of Main Street Extension – may only have been concluded from the map and tradition[11]), it is equally true that they could well have had houses where they are indicated on the map. With Allerton, on the other hand, there is a faintly possible connection with the Willett/ County House property (the 1749 Court House lot) that might imply its location (see note 6, above). In the Plymouth Colony Treasury Accounts for June 8, 1660, there is an entry: "P[r] a house bought of Capt. [Thomas] Willett ... [£]20: 00: 00" and on June 13 in the Plymouth Colony Court Orders, "It is ordered by the Court, that the countreyes house, bought of Cap[t] Willett, shalbee repaired att the charge of the countrey, and the Tresurer to take some speedy course for the doeing of it, and likewise to prouide some conueniency of beding there for speciall occations."[12] There is no record of how or when Willett obtained his in-town lot. Coincidently, Willett did purchase Allerton's former property at Jones River from Edmund Freeman (Beauchanp's agent, who had received it from its subsequent owner, Thomas Prence) in 1653[13], and the house he sold in Plymouth was located where Allerton's lot is shown on the Bradford map.

Speculation aside, it is evident that the Bradford map cannot be uncritically relied upon for confirmation of Plymouth's initial property allotments. However, since no further evidence can be expected to surface to correct our impression, it will be sufficient that we simply acknowledge that the initial settlement pattern remains another of those unanswered mysteries of Plymouth history.

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1 *A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Mourt's Relation.* Dwight Heath, ed. NewYork: Corinth Books, 1963, p. 42.

2 Ibid., p. 44.

3 Ibid., p. 52.

4 Samuel Sewell. *The Diary of Samuel Sewell 1674-1729.* M. Halsey Thomas, ed. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1973. Vol. I., p. 388.

5 *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth. Deeds, &c.* David Pulsifer, ed. Boston: William White, 1861, p. 129.

6 Ibid., pp. 130-131.

7 William T. Davis. *Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth.* Boston: Damrell & Upham, 1899. pp. 162-163. Davis, however, also is of the opinion that "South or Market Street once extended as a continuation of Main Street by a curved line to the foot of Summer Street, and was changed to its current location in 1684." (p. 157). This makes little sense, as it would run through Cole's private land property and there were several houses on Market Street by the 1630s, which considering the steep embankment behind the Leyden Street lots in question, would prevent the standard garden plots on the east side.

8 The nineteen families might have been: Allerton, Billington, Brewster, Carver, Chilton, Cooke, Crackston, Eaton, Edward Fuller, Hopkins, Martin, Mullins, Rigsdale, Rogers, Standish, Edward Tilley, John Tilley, White and Winslow.

9 *A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Mourt's Relation.* Dwight Heath, ed. New York: Corinth Books, 1963, p. 81.

10 A governor's residence that was a cut above the rest was that of Governor John Winthrop at Massachusetts Bay. Originally erected in "New-Town" (Cambridge), the frame of the house was significant enough to be taken down and moved to "Shawmut" or Boston in the summer of 1632, rather to the annoyance of those who remained in Cambridge. See Winthrop's Journal v. I, Hosmer ed, New York: Charles Scribners and Sons, 1908, p. 84; and William Hubbard. *A General History of New England,* Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1848, p. 136.

11 Yet he did receive field acreage directly across Town Brook in 1623, so there is that. Also, it seems evident that that Brewster did reside in downtown Plymouth rather than in Duxbury at the end of his life, as his invertory contains a number of personal items found in the Plymouth residence such as his tobacco pipes, clothing, shoes, brushes and combs, but virtually nothing in Duxbury.

12 *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth, Miscellaneous Records,* Vol. VIII, Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed. Boston: William White, 1857, p. 98; *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth, Court Orders, Vol. III, 1651-1661.* Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, ed. Boston: William White, 1855, p. 195.

13 *Records of the Colony of New Plymouth, Deeds, &c.,* Vol. II. 1651-1663, Jeremy Dupertuis Bangs, ed. Leiden, NLD: Leiden American Pilgrim Museum, 2016, p. 85-86.

Learning About Old Gravestones:

Publications of the Association for Gravestone Studies

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Introduction

Most readers of *The Mayflower Quarterly Magazine* have visited old graveyards in order to see the gravestones of their ancestors. If you would like to learn more about gravestones and graveyards the Association for Gravestone Studies can help.[1] The AGS (as it is generally called) was founded in 1977 for the purpose of furthering the study and preservation of gravestones. It has grown into an international organization with an interest in gravestones and graveyards of all periods and styles. It publishes a quarterly newsletter and an annual scholarly journal, and sponsors conferences, workshops and exhibits. It is a major force in documenting, conserving and preserving old gravestones and graveyards.

Subject indexes and tables of contents for *Markers* (the annual journal) and the *AGS Quarterly* (formerly *AGS Newsletter*) can be downloaded from the links in the publications section of the AGS site.[2] The AGS has made most of the back issues of *Markers* and the *Newsletter/Quarterly* available to the public free of charge through the University of Massachusetts web site.[3] Volumes 23 to 34 of the *AGS Quarterly* do not appear in the lists of *Quarterly* volumes on the UMass site, but can be accessed as a single large PDF file through the Internet Archive.[4]

The balance of this column will suggest to readers some *Markers* and *Newsletter/Quarterly* articles, as well as other resources recommended in AGS publications (or found through resources cited in those publications) that may be of particular interest and usefulness for *MQM* readers. I can only list a fraction of the AGS articles here. I suggest that readers download and read the first volume of *Markers* from **http://credo.library.umass.edu/view/full/murb004-01-i001** as it contains major early AGS articles on a number of subjects. Reading that volume will provide the reader with a feel for topics of concern to the AGS and the way that those topics are treated in AGS publications. Readers are also urged to explore the online issues through the online indexes.

Gravestone Cleaning

Visitors to graveyards often see gravestones that are disfigured or discolored by moss, lichen, mold, dirt, or other contaminants. Those who are tempted to clean those gravestones should study the matter before undertaking any cleaning, because many cleaning methods can damage those gravestones.

Information on, and discussions of, proper and improper methods of gravestone cleaning are scattered through many AGS publications (see the *Markers* and *Newsletter/Quarterly* subject indexes on the AGS site). A useful summary was published in the *AGS Newsletter* in 1979.[5] One important resource concerning cleaning which is not an *AGS* publication but which is available online is by Mary F. Striegel, "Best Practice Recommendations for Cleaning Government-Issued Headstones" (National Park Service National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, 2011).[6]

One of the best references for gravestone cleaning is found in a book published through the auspices of the AGS. It is not online, but is held by many libraries (use the search function at **WorldCat.org** to find them). It is by Lynette Strangstadt, *A Graveyard Preservation Primer* (Walnut Creek CA: The Altamira Press, 1995; Lanham, MD: The Altamira Press, 2nd Edition 2013). It can also be purchased online from the AGS.[7]

Graveyard Preservation

Preservation of graveyards goes far beyond avoiding inadvertent damage to gravestones, and that subject occupies the bulk of Strangstadt's book. Significant articles in AGS publications include articles by Lance R. Mayer[8] and others.[9] Much of the work involved in graveyard preservation is best left to professional conservators, and that is frequently noted in AGS publications.

Graveyard Documentation

Because gravestones can disappear or be damaged by weather, neglect, or vandalism, those interested in gravestones are often interested in documenting gravestones and graveyards for the benefit of future generations. Tips on creating quality photographs of gravestones have been published by the AGS, particularly in an article by Daniel J. Farber[10] whose superb collection of gravestone photographs was the subject of the first column in this series.[11] Other

photography tips have also been published by the AGS.[12] Recommendations for recording gravestone inscriptions and recording other information about graveyards have also been published.[13]

Gravestone Carvers

One focus of the AGS is the study of those who carved gravestones. In some cases, it has taken a great deal of work over many years, sometimes by multiple gravestone scholars, to identify a particular carver. Such is the case with an early eastern Connecticut carver, "The Hook-and-Eye Man." He was dubbed that in print by the first important gravestone scholar, Harriet Merrifield Forbes, in 1927.[14] She called him that because his rather simple and repetitious faces resembled the eye of the antique garment fastener, the hook-and-eye.[15] The second important gravestone scholar, Dr. Ernest Joseph Caulfield, invested a great deal of time which culminated in his identification of "The Hook-and-Eye Man" as Gershom Bartlett of Bolton, CT.[16] Other AGS articles have concerned other major carvers, families of carvers, or schools of carvers.[17]

Gravestone Materials, Ornamentation, and Techniques Most *MQM* readers probably know that the earliest gravestones of *Mayflower* passengers and descendants were likely carved of wood or were of unornamented field stone. In our nation's history such was often the case in pioneer settlements. Many examples of wooden markers have survived in parts of the old west where the drier climate preserved markers that would have quickly deteriorated in New England.[18] Articles about stone carving abound.[19] In addition to various natural stones other materials have been used such as wrought iron.[20]

Gravestone decorations include a variety of recurring motifs.[21] Other articles discuss stonecutter's tools[22] and carving techniques.[23] Some articles include a variety of topics concerning gravestone carving.[24]

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1 The AGS website is at https://gravestonestudies.org/welcome/ about and readers can learn much by exploring it.
2 See https://gravestonestudies.org/knowledge-center/archives
3 All of the online AGS publications and many other elements from the AGS archives are at http://scua.library.umass.edu/ead/murb004. In addition to the AGS publications the monographs, theses, and dissertations in that collections offer insight into the breadth and depth of gravestone studies.
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5 *AGS Newsletter,* 3:1 [winter, 1979]: 7-9), "The Association for Gravestone Studies Recommendations for the Care of Gravestones."
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The Peter Joslin and Hannah Rounds Family of Tioga County, New York — a Billington Line

By John Bradley Arthaud

Hannah Rounds, an eighth-generation descendant of John Billington,[1] was born in Washington County, New York, 22 December 1791 and died 10 December 1866, daughter of Jotham and Susannah (Wilbur) Rounds.[2] She married Peter Josselyn.[3] A detailed biographical sketch of their son-in-law Thomas Dickman Washburn published in 1890 had adequate information to allow identification of Peter's ancestry.[4] Thomas married 25 May 1846 Roxanna M. [Joslin] daughter of "Peter Joslin, who moved to Tioga [C]ounty, N.Y., about 1830, gr.-dau. of Daniel Joslin and Jotham Rounds." As Roxanna's maternal grandfather is well documented as Jotham Rounds, presumably her paternal grandfather was accurately stated to have been Daniel Joslin.

Jotham Rounds stated on 19 November 1832 that he moved from Washington County, New York, to Owego, Tioga County, in 1819.[5]

Peter Joslin, 70, born in Massachusetts, and his wife Hannah, 63, born Washington County, in 1855, had resided in the Flemingville section of Owego for 24 years (since about 1831).[6] In 1865 Hannah's birthplace was again stated as Washington County when she was explicitly stated to be the mother of Daniel, born in Broome County.[7]

Peter Joselin, born in Massachusetts, was a 65-year-old farmer in 1850 when enumerated at Owego, New York, with his wife and one son.[8] His age, birthplace and onomastic evidence support the conclusion that he was a son of Daniel and Mary (Nichols) Joslin who married in Winchendon, 20 October 1777, groom of Fitzwilliam (intention).[9] Daniel, son of Peter Joslyn, Jr., was baptized in Lancaster, Massachusetts, 23 June 1751.[10] Daniel and Mary were admitted to the church in Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, 18 October 1778 and discharged to the church in Winchendon, Massachusetts, 8 April 1787.[11] A son Peter was baptized in Fitzwilliam, 15 August 1784.[12]

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY

The household of another Peter Joscelin, 26-44, was enumerated at Tioga, Tioga County, in 1820 with a woman 16-25, and two boys less than 10.[13] Although the right age to be Hannah's husband, his arrival in Tioga is a decade earlier than the "mug history."

Peter Joslin's household at Union, Broome County, New York, in 1820 had a man and woman 26-44 and four girls <10. There was one intervening entry between Peter and Alfred Rounds, >45, *possibly* Hannah's paternal uncle.

Peter Joslin, 30-39 [sic], was enumerated in 1830 at Nichols, Tioga County, with a woman 30-39, a boy <5, two girls 5-9, two boys 10-14, and a man 20-29.[14]

Peter Joslin, 50-59, was enumerated 1840 at Owego, New York, with a woman 40-49, a boy 10-14, a boy 15-19, a girl 15-19, and two women 20-29.[15]

Peter and Hannah were enumerated in Tioga County in 1850.[16] They, four single children, and a married son are buried in Flemingville Cemetery, Flemingville, New York. The stone for each of the three single daughters has the parents' first names.[17] He died 19 March 1857, aged 71y 10m.[18] (calc.) birth of May 1785.

Children of Peter[7] Joslyn (*Daniel,[6] Peter[5-3,] Nathaniel,[2] Thomas[1]*) **and Hannah[8] Rounds** (*Jotham[7], David[6], Hannah Carpenter,[5] Desire Martin,[4] Mercy[3] Billington, Francis,[2] John[1]*), possibly incomplete:

i. Susannah Joslin, b. (calc.) May 1815; d. 30 Sept. 1834, age 19y 4m.[19]

2. ii. Roxanna M.[8] Joslin[9], b. 25 April 1819 [*sic*]; m. Thomas Dickman Washburn.

iii. Lucy A. Joslin, b. (calc.) Feb. 1820; d. 10 Oct. 1844, aged 24y 8m.[20]

3. iv. Daniel T. Joslin, b. Broome Co., N.Y., 1823; d. 1888[21]; m. Rhoda A. Blackman.

v. Sarah E. Joslin, b. (calc.) Oct. 1825; d. 14 Feb. 1845, age 19y 4m.[22]

vi. Joseph W. Joslin, b. N.Y. (calc.) Nov. 1828; d. 31 Dec. 1850, aged 22y 1m.[23]

2 Roxanna M.[8]Joslin[9] was born in Broome County, New York, 25 April 1819 and died in Irving Township, Montgomery County, Illinois 25 June 1904.[24] She married in New York, 25 May 1846,[25] Thomas Dickman Washburn, who was born at Greenfield, Massachusetts,

25 April 1819[26] and died at Irving, Illinois, 30 September 1893,[27] son of Dr. Seth and Asenath C. (Dickman) Washburn, a descendant of *Mayflower* passengers James Chilton and Francis Cooke (See Excursus). They moved from New York to Lawrence County, Illinois, before the 1850 census.[28] By 1860 they had settled in Montgomery County, Illinois where they remained for the rest of their lives.[29] They, two children and married son Seth are buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Hillsboro, Illinois.[30] The similar stones are not contemporary. Their fourth child is buried in Missouri.

Children of Thomas Dickman and Roxanna M. (Joslin) Washburn: last three born in Illinois:

i. Seth Emory Washburn,[9-10] b. N.Y. 18 April 1847; d. 22 March 1934;[31] m. Montgomery Co., 3 Nov. 1874,[32] Josephine M. Richmond.[33] Children.

ii. William E. Washburn, b. 16 April 1850; d. 18 Oct. 1857.[34]

iii. Daniel W. Washburn, b. 30 Sept. 1852; d. Thayer, Mo., 9 April 1891;[35] m. Montgomery Co., Ill., 5 June 1883,[36] Annie Mchenry, b. North Carolina, July 1861; Children.[37]

iv. John B. Washburn, b. 23 March 1855; d. 17 Oct. 1860.[38]

3 Daniel T.[8] Joslin[9], was born in Broome County, New York, 1823 and died. 1888.[39] He married, presumably in Tioga County, say 1846 (first known child), Rhoda A. Blackman, who was born in 1828 and died in 1912.[40] They are buried in Flemingville Cemetery, Flemingville, New York.

His mother resided in his household in 1860[41] and 1865.[42] Rhoda was enumerated in 1880 as a married head of household with her two youngest children and consecutively after Judson Joslin and his family.[43]

Children of Daniel T. and Rhoda A. (Blackman) Joslin, possibly incomplete:

i. Abraham J.[9] Joslin,[10] b. 1848, aged 2/12 in parents' 1850 census;[44] presumably d.y.

ii. [Abram] Judson Joslin, b. March 1850; d. 1925;[45] m. ca. 1871 Charlotte Norwood.[46] As Judson Joslin, 20, in parents' 1870 census.[47] Children.

iii. Joseph W. Joslin, b. (calc.); d. 11 Nov. 1856, aged 4y 11m, buried Flemingville Cemetery.[48]

iv. Augusta A. Joslin, b. ca. 1858; presumably d.y.

v. Mina Joslin, b. ca. 1860; m. Flemingville, 17 April 1892, as his second wife,[49] Hubbard D. Sawyer. No known children.

vi. Anna Joslin, b. ca. 1865.

EXCURSUS

Thomas Dickman Washburn's *Mayflower* descent from Francis Cooke and James Chilton is as follows:

Thomas D.[7] Washburn (*Seth,[6] Joseph,[5] Hannah Latham,[4] Susanna Winslow,[3] Mary[2] Chilton, James[1]*)

Thomas D.[7] Washburn (*Seth,[6] Joseph,[4-5] Elizabeth Mitchell,[3] Jane[2] Cooke, Francis[1]*)

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2 H. L. Peter Rounds. *The John Round Family of Swansea and Rehoboth, Massachusetts*, (Baltimore, 1983), 259-60.
3 *Round Fam.*, 260. Peter had no coverage beyond his name as the groom.
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5 RW pension application #S32491.
6 1855 N.Y. state census Flemingville section, Owego, Tioga Co., E.D. 4, fam. 104. Family 105 is headed by Daniel Joslin, 32, born in Broome Co. His wife and their two sons were born in Tioga Co.
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8 1850 census Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., p. 190, Fam. 407 as Joslyn. Albert Wade, 15, b. N.Y., also in household.
9 *Vital Records of Winchendon, Massachusetts, to the End of the Year 1849*, (Worcester, 1909), 135.
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16 1850 census Owego, Tioga Co., N.Y., p. 190, Fam. 407 as Joslyn.
17 https://tioga.nygenweb.net/flemingv.htm. Inscriptions read by the Beulah Patterson Brown Chapter of the DAR, Newark Valley, Tioga County, N.Y. 1927.
18 *Find A Grave Memorial* #2374118, difficult to read, transcribed as 1852 [sic] annotated aged 66, which is consistent with census. "Hannah Rounds His Wife 1791-1866" is on the same stone, years only for her.

19 *Find A Grave Memorial* #90629913. https://tioga.nygenweb.net/flemingv.htm
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21 *Find A Grave Memorial* #113888659.
22 *Find A Grave Memorial* #90630229. https://tioga.nygenweb.net/flemingv.htm
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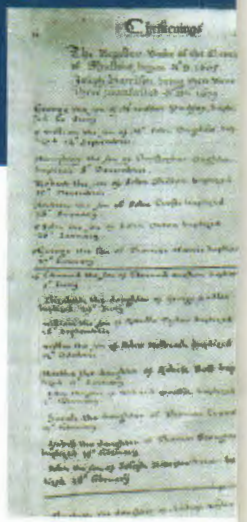
Proposed Parentage and Origins of Edmund Weston[1] of Duxbury, Massachusetts

by Jerry K. Weston



Edmund Weston came to New England with the ships *Elizabeth* and *Ann* in May 1635, with his age given as 30 years.[1] Some years ago I hired a researcher in England to assist me in trying to discover the origins of my progenitor Edmund Weston Sr., a mill operator, of Duxbury, Massachusetts.[2] We looked at all of the Weston birth and baptismal records, and eliminated those individuals still living in England after 1635, and found an identification we thought was a very plausible conclusion.

We found an Edmund Weston who was baptized in Shustoke Parish, Warwickshire, England on 1 June 1606, son of Edmund Weston and Jane Jarson.[3] He does not appear in this area after 1635. This Edmund would have been approximately 29 years old (if born soon before his baptism), when he arrived in New England in May 1635.

The records of Shustoke Parish include the marriage of Edmund[A] Weston and Jane Jarson who married there, 8 November 1597.[4] I believe them to be the parents of Edmund Weston of New England. The senior Edmund died 22 October 1637, a little over two years after his purported son arrived in New England, and he was interred in the Shustoke Parish Church grounds.[5] He was a grist mill operator; no information could be found on his wife, Jane (Jarson) Weston.[6]

Children of Edmund and Jane (Jarson) Weston: bpt. at Shustoke Parish

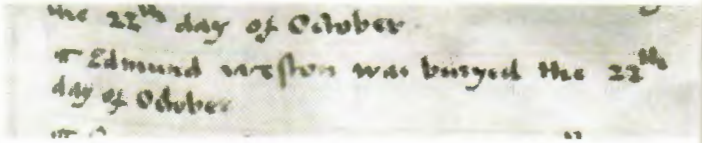
i. Sarah Weston, bpt 23 September 1599, bur. 2 November 1616

ii. Edmund Weston[1], bpt. 1 June 1606

iii. Richard Weston, bpt. 10 August 1610

iv. Jane Weston, bpt. 22 April 1613

v. Sarah Weston, bpt. 6 July 1617



POSSIBLE GRANDPARENTS

The perceived grandparents of Edmund Weston[1], are Edmund[B] Weston and Agnes Hall. The couple were married in Shustoke Parish, 14 September 1557.[7] Edmund was baptized as an adult on 8 November 1597 and he died the same year. He was a grist mill operator.

The baptisms of only two children are recorded in the parish records. The Warwick records office states "I have only found evidence of Edmund and Agnes having two children. However, as you can see there is a 15 year gap between the marriage in 1557 and Ann's baptism in 1573. So I would suggest that either they did not have their older children baptised, or as is more likely, they lived in another parish after their marriage."

Children of Edmund Weston and Agnes Hall: bpt. at Shustoke Parish

i. Ann Weston, bpt. 13 Jan. 1573

ii. Richard Weston, bpt. 28 March 1578

My deepest appreciation to the researchers at the County Records Office, Research Service, Warwickshire County Council, England, for their research and providing the cited documents.

Jerry Weston is a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. After applying to the Society through his line of descent to George Soule, he succeeded in having 14 supplemental lines approved with one more pending in Plymouth! Jerry enlisted in the USAF in 1952 and served 30 years on active duty with the USAF retiring in grade of Chief Master Sergeant.

1 Michael Tepper, ed. *Passengers To America*, Baltimore, MD, 1988, p.26.
2 County Record Office, Warwickshire County, England.
3 Baptism Record in the registers of the Shustoke Parish.
4 Marriage Record in the registers of the Shustoke Parish. Note that her surname is not Jackson as found in secondary sources.
5 Burial Record in the registers of the Shustoke Parish.
6 A note in the Shustoke Parish Records states that at the start of the English Civil War in 1642, the vicar locked the church and it was not opened again until 1653. It is possible that widow Jane Weston died during this time and the death was not recorded.
7 Marriage Record in the registers of the Shustoke Parish.

Members Honoring Their Ancestors

Embraced by Hope Chipman... Sort of

by Rick A. Seidita

For over 40 years, I've been interested in my *Mayflower* ancestry, particularly my connection to John and Hope (Howland) Chipman. I am certain many readers are familiar with her father, Pilgrim John Howland, who nearly drowned after being thrown overboard from the deck of the *Mayflower* when a violent storm erupted during the Pilgrims' voyage to the New World.

My paternal grandmother's maiden name was Chipman. I was never sure if she knew of her *Mayflower* heritage. My interest in the *Mayflower* was first sparked by my mother when I was a teenager. She told me and my siblings that we had a Pilgrim ancestor, John Howland, actually two, for John Howland married *Mayflower* passenger Elizabeth Tilley.

In 2016, I began gathering the various documents needed for acceptance into the General Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut. Not long after the initial waiting period, I became a proud and happy member in July 2018. This would not have taken place without the kind assistance of *Mayflower* historian Midge Hurtuk and Governor Greg Thompson.

Who was John Chipman?

John Chipman was the only son of Thomas Chipman, who lived in Briantspuddle near Dorchester, England. He left after his parents died and arrived in Boston in May 1637. At this time, he was in the service of his cousin, Richard Derby, who settled in Plymouth. He and Hope Howland married in 1646. His occupations included a selectman of Barnstable, a magistrate in Plymouth Colony, and, from 1656 to 1663, a "Deputy to the General Court." He was also known for his carpentry skills. He and Hope were members of Barnstable's Congregational Church under the

leadership of Rev. John Lothrop. Records of the Barnstable church contain this entry: "Henry Cobb and John Chipman were chosen and ordained to be Ruling Elders and were solemnly invested with office upon ye 14th day of April, A.D. 1670."[1]

John Chipman was a freeman in 1649. He served several terms as deputy to the colony court and as one of the selectmen, as well as other important public capacities. On 5 June 1663, he was one of those on the Colonial Treasurer's account. "For his public services the court in 1669 granted him one hundred acres of land, between Taunton and Titicut, which was afterwards confirmed to him."[2]

Barnstable Historical Society

During my research, I needed assistance in determining where the Chipman Homestead and Tavern was located. And while I had my own hunch as to where it was, a historical society seemed the logical place to begin. I found the address of the Barnstable Historical Society and wrote them a letter of inquiry regarding this matter. They were a godsend for me. For over a year, I corresponded with a kind and helpful woman, Betsy Wheeler, the House Administrator of the Barnstable Historical Society. My own investigation into the Chipman Homestead and Tavern kept leading me back to two distinct and separate locations, one in Barnstable and the other West Barnstable (Great Marshes, as it was called back in the 1600s). I thought I'd come to a dead end with my research, but not long after, I received an email from Betsy confirming that there were, indeed, two separate locations. How could this be? The answer was actually quite simple: they moved! I believe I laughed out loud realizing I hadn't considered this possibility before.

The scenario now presented itself as follows: the Chipmans had first lived in Barnstable (1639), where Elder John Chipman purchased the house and property of one Edward Fitzrandolphe. This property consisted of eight acres and was located on the southwest corner where Main Street (Route 6A) meets the Barnstable/Hyannis Road and extended westward for a short distance. The property today encompasses the first three houses westward from the corner at Barnstable/Hyannis Road. Some years later in 1672, John Chipman purchased land from his brother-in-law Lieutenant John Howland in "Great Marshes." He built a house and then moved his growing family there.

The Chipman plaque

After confirming and determining the location of the Chipmans' first homestead, we applied for and subsequently received approval by the Old Kings Highway Regional Historic District Committee. At the same time, Betsy had emailed me that they had found a homeowner who would grant us permission to place a plaque on her home. It was simply amazing how after all the hard work everything was now falling into place. This settled, I ordered the bronze plaque, with text approved by the Barnstable Historical Society and accepted by the homeowner, whose property sits on the westernmost portion of the former Chipman Homestead.

On 30 June 2019, shortly after 2 p.m., I placed the plaque on the right side of the yellow house at 3305 Main Street (6A) in Barnstable. A number of cars traveling eastward slowed down considerably to take in what was going on. I believe we had 15 or so people assembled on the front lawn to attend this celebratory and historic event. Afterwards, we moved to the rear of the house, where we opened some bottles of champagne. As we toasted Hope and John, I read the following:

This year marks the 370th year since John and Hope (Howland) Chipman made their home here in Barnstable. It is my sincere hope that the placement of this plaque will serve to honor their memory in perpetuity. I wish to thank all the many wonderful people from Barnstable I've met who have assisted me in my quest to have this plaque placed where they once lived so long ago.

And with that, we raised our glasses again in a toast to their memory.

Hope Chipman Returns to Barnstable

Before leaving Barnstable to return to Connecticut, someone showed me a newsletter from the 1717 Meetinghouse in Barnstable.

Glancing over it, something immediately caught my eye; specifically an event for August 16th: "Hope Chipman and her *Mayflower* parents!" This was simply amazing, not to mention serendipitous! I really wanted to attend this unique event of my ancestors' portrayal, so we decided to return to Barnstable. This was facilitated by a very kind offer of Nancy Viall Shoemaker, historian for the Barnstable Historical Society and a new friend. In passing, she kindly offered my significant other and I to stay at her home, built in the late 1800s, at a time of our own choosing, which we graciously accepted. When we returned to Barnstable two days before the program would occur, a new flyer announcing the upcoming event read:

Hope Chipman returns to Barnstable. History comes alive when Vicki Oman portrays Hope Howland Chipman. The daughter of Mayflower passengers John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley, she knew this land and its community in the 1600s. She and her husband had a tavern in Barnstable Village, her son had one in West Barnstable. Hear stories of her life and times. Vicki Oman is the Director of Group Participation and Learning at Plimoth Plantation. She is on the faculty of the College of Graduate Studies at Bridgewater State University. Friday, August 16, 7 PM at the 1717 Meetinghouse.

Words cannot convey the excitement I felt as I read this new flyer. Friday arrived and the event at the 1717 Meetinghouse in Barnstable began shortly after a brief introduction. After a few moments, Vicki Oman appeared in the guise of my ancestor, Hope Chipman. The program lasted 45 minutes or so, followed by a Q&A session.

Those interested in hearing the entire performance can visit YouTube and type: "Hope Chipman returns to Barnstable" into the search area. The recording was made by my new friend, Steve Howland, who has kindly allowed me to share it.

After the program ended, I presented Vicki Oman with a small gift I'd brought along for the occasion: a small photo of the Chipman plaque encased in an equally small frame. As she took the gift and unwrapped it, I extended my hand to say thanks but she reached over, said "Thank you," and gave me a hug instead. "I'm being embraced by Hope Howland Chipman... sort of," I thought. My ancestors had given me a sign that they were pleased. So am I.

Acknowledgments

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Nancy Viall Shoemaker is a local historian, owner of West Barnstable Press, and board member of The Barnstable Historical Society and 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation. Nancy was also the recipient of the 2018 Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Award. She helped me in the editing of this article. Thank you, Nancy!

Thank you to Vicki Oman for your truly marvelous and memorable portrayal of my ancestor Hope Chipman, and to Betsy Wheeler for your assistance in making the Chipman plaque become a reality. Lastly, thanks to all those, unnamed, who helped me achieve this dream of honoring John and Hope Chipman with a plaque in Barnstable. My sincerest thanks to you all! Thank you, Penny!

▲ Vicki Oman, from Plimoth Plantation, portrays Hope Chipman in Barnstable on August 16, 2019.

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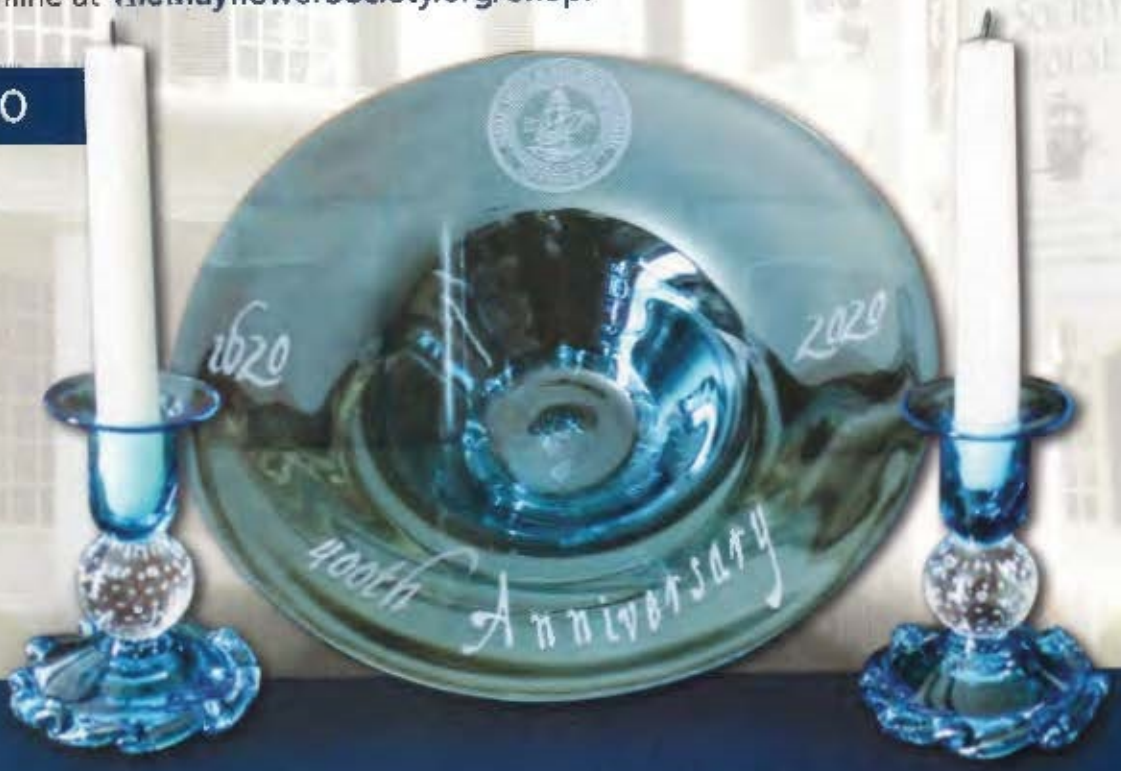

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